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Council stalls over regional planning panel appointments

Tweed Shire Council has postponed appointing any members to take over the area's major planning decisions, after closing its doors for a 45-minute debate on nominees' credentials.

Councillors voted behind closed doors at Tuesday night's council meeting not to appoint representatives to the controversial Joint Regional Planning Panel (JRPP) immediately, instead drawing up a five-strong shortlist of candidates from a list of 11 nominees.

Yesterday, Council refused to provide details of any of the nominees.

On the short list

Those who made the grade include Tyalgum resident Peter Bennett, former council general manager Dr John Griffin, Steven Grimes, Brisbane barrister Robert Quirk, son of the well-known Tweed farmer of the same name, and urban planning associate professor at Bond University, Dr Ned Wales.

Former Greens councillor Henry James, former council town planner Douglas Jardine, former senior council engineer Don McAllister, Pottsville Business Chamber head Tania Murdock, Murwillumbah mum Lisa Townsend and Uki environmentalist Ronald Wolff missed out.

The shortlisted candidates will each have to front 30-minute interviews and give a 10-minute presentation to councillors on June 30 to explain why they should be appointed to the government-controlled panel.

Following the interviews, the council will hold an extraordinary council meeting to vote for two representatives and one alternative member to join the northern panel which covers Tweed Shire.

The panels, which have come under fire from local councillors, will be dominated by three government appointed members.

They will make recommendations to Planning Minister Kristina Keneally on infrastructure and ecotourism projects worth more than $5 million and residential and commercial developments worth more than $10 million.

But a number of local government areas have come out in force to savage the panels for putting major development decisions in the hands of unelected representatives.

Byron Shire Council went so far to protest the formation of the panels that it has refused to appoint any members to the northern panel, stating the code of conduct for the new bodies renders their operations essentially undemocratic.

Drafts of the code of conduct and operating procedures of the new regional bodies were released on June 5. The draft code appears to be less stringent than the Local Government Code, which does not apply to members of the new panels.

Comment gagged

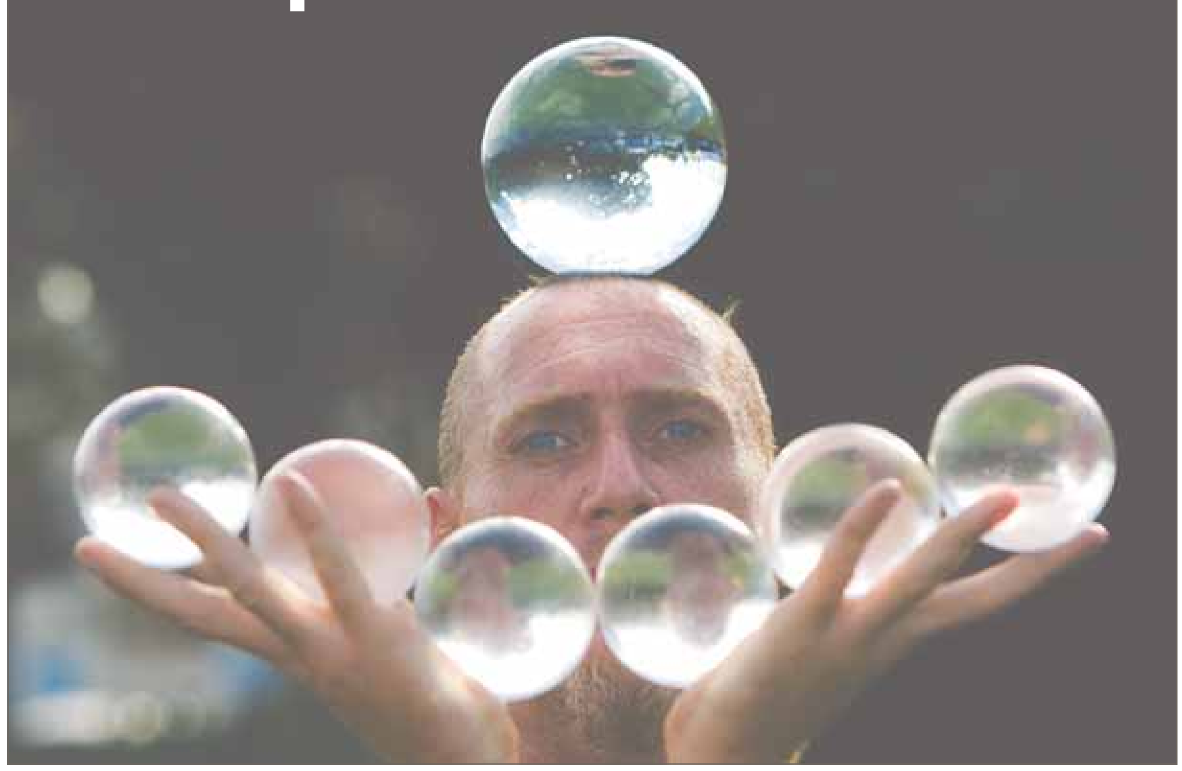
It also gags comment from all but chairpersons (who can only be chosen from the State-appointed members) and carries the political requirement to 'act in a way that enhances public confidence in the integrity of role [sic] of the JRPPs in the planning system.'

The draft operating procedures make it plain that although the proponent of a development will have the opportunity to address the panel, there is no automatic right for objectors to do so. The draft also takes into account the possibility of councils seeing no purpose in cooperating with the scheme, which even in the mildest interpretation seems designed to remove democratic representation from planning matters.

It states, 'If a council within the area of a Regional Panel fails to nominate one or more council members, a Regional Panel may still exercise its functions in relation to the area of the council concerned.'

Nevertheless, 'Regional Panels are entitled to the use of the staff and facilities of the relevant council for the purpose of carrying out its functions.'

Spheres of influence



Futurist street performer Mr Om and his crystal balls were a popular drawcard for children and adults alike at the Wold Environment Day celebration at Murwillumbah's Knox Park last Sunday.

The longtime Woodford Folk Festival performer is renowned for the hypnotic way he manipulates the crystal balls. Photo by Jeff 'Ballsup' Dawson

■ **For more World Environment Day photos see www.tweedecho.com.au in the events section of the photo gallery.**

The $64 million answer

The Federal Government has gone on an education spending spree, throwing more than $64 million at primary schools and TAFE campuses in the Tweed.

Richmond MP Justine Elliot has announced that up to 53 primary schools in Richmond, including Bilambil, Burringbar, Fingal Head and Duranbah have scored a share of $63.7 million for new infrastructure projects under round two of Primary Schools for the 21st Century funding.

The biggest winners were Banora Point, Terranora and Centaur Primary Schools with $3 million each, St Joseph's Primary School with $3.14 million and tiny Cudgen with $2 million.

Murwillumbah and Kingscliff TAFE campuses will also receive more funding. The Kingscliff campus will receive $620,990 to replace air conditioners with more energy efficient equipment, replace floor coverings, upgrade fire systems, guttering, painting, and to provide teaching and learning technology.

The Murwillumbah campus will receive $365,000 for refurbishment and maintenance including roofing, painting, disabled access and car parking, and the provision of teaching and learning technology.

Cabarita retail project ticked off

Roxanne Millar

Cabarita is one step closer to getting its own Woolworths supermarket after Tweed Shire councillors voted to endorse a major retail development in the town.

The $16 million project to build shops, 23 apartments and a supermarket in a three-to-four storey development in the heart of town will now go to the Department of Planning for approval.

But developer Stockwell Pty Ltd has been told to get amended plans to council within days to rectify an access issue in regards to its proposed service laneway.

A council report concluded the development's footprint presently fragments the laneway, restricting its function and placing a limit on vehicle access to the site.

A spokeswoman for the development told the council the plans would be available within 24 hours of the Tuesday evening council meeting.

Final endorsement of the project, which has attracted praise for its community consultation in Cabarita, was almost delayed by Greens councillor Katie Milne who sought to lobby for enforcement of the town's three-storey height limit.

'If this isn't an overdevelopment of the site, I don't know what it is,' she said.

'It's the emperor with no clothes on. It looks five and a half stories to me.'

She managed to gain support from mayor Joan van Lieshout and deputy mayor Barry Longland in a motion to advise the planning department of the council's strong desire to retain the three-storey height limit.

However, this amendment was defeated and councillors voted to endorse the project six to one, with Cr Milne voting against.

Local elders welcome mayor's change of heart

Roxanne Millar

Tweed mayor Joan van Lieshout has backflipped on her decision not to read out a statement recognising the Tweed's Aboriginal heritage, after causing deep hurt to local elders.

Cr van Lieshout surprised all at Tuesday night's council meeting when she read out the traditional statement recognising the Bundjalung nation as traditional custodians of the land.

Last week she announced that she thought the statement 'divisive'.

'It singles out just one group and I think it is unfair on others who are disputing the accuracy of the claims made in the statement,' she had said.

But faced with a public gallery of local Aboriginal leaders, she read the statement, later explaining: 'I have no problem acknowledging the Aboriginal people, but it is my duty to carefully consider all of those in my office seeking representation'.

Speaking on behalf of Aboriginal leaders at a community access session after the welcome, Jackie McDonald said the community had been deeply hurt by the mayor's original decision.

She warned the mayor had been taken in by a disgruntled 'uninformed' group critical of the local Aboriginal environment committee's dual South Sea Islander roots.

'It has fractured long standing relationships between the Aboriginal community and the council,' she said.

'Thankfully she has had a change of heart and we can now move on in a positive manner.'

Young dancers put in a thriller



Students from Centaur Public School, Banora Point (top, clockwise Georgia Faux, Rhiannon Ellis, Nina Green, Charlie Bark, Mia Milkins and in the centre, Brieannah Gibson) stood out with their spooky costumes for their 'Thriller' performance at the 23rd Far North Coast Dance Festival. More than 1,400 students of all ages from primary and high schools from the border to Kyogle took part in the annual extravaganza at Seagulls. Coordinator Robyn Ludeke said this year performances were more diverse than ever, possibly thanks to inspiration from television shows like *So You Think You Can Dance*.

Solar hot water rebate is still available

The government's solar panel grant cut does not affect the solar hot water rebate.

Last week's announcement of the end of the solar photovoltaic rebate program threw the solar hot water industry into chaos, with confused homeowners mistakenly assuming that the solar hot water rebate had been abolished.

The $8,000 solar photovoltaic rebate from the Federal Government was cut short three weeks ahead of schedule. But the announcement does not apply to solar hot water, and the current Federal Government solar hot water rebate of $1,600 plus some additional State based rebates will still apply.

An Ecosmart spokesman said, 'Homeowners will in fact be pleased to know that they can still ride the wave of the solar hot water rebate for another couple of years, and this announcement will not affect them at all. Solar hot water customers can be assured that they will still receive solar hot water rebates from the government to help reduce the cost of switching to environmental hot water.'

To be eligible for the government's solar hot water rebates, the new hot water system must replace an existing electric storage hot water system. By installing a solar hot water system, households can expect to reduce energy bills, while producing up to 65 per cent less greenhouse gas emissions per year than electric water heaters .

Fingal Head erosion probed

Fingal residents will revisit historic records in a bid to determine whether severe erosion occurring on their beaches is part of a natural cycle or is being aggravated by manmade structures.

Fingal Head Residents' Association decided to delve into old survey maps following growing concerns about the steady loss of sand and trees on Letitia Spit north of sand pumping station.

Association president Evan Matthews said recent cyclonic conditions had caused extensive erosion along the whole peninsula, including south of the lighthouse.

Mr Matthews said the association decided to consult historic records to see what impact the Tweed River training walls and the bypass may be having on sand movements.

'People become naturally worried when they see trees falling into the ocean,' he said.

Pitstop move draws mixed reaction

Luis Feliu

The proposed relocation of the controversial world rally pitstop area from a Kingscliff foreshore reserve to a nearby sporting ground has been welcomed by some residents while slammed by others as a cynical move which 'changes nothing'.

The rally pits area or service park is now planned to be moved from Jack Bayliss Park in Marine Parade to the Walter Peate Reserve on Wommin Bay Road, Kingscliff, home of the Cudgen Rugby League Club and local amateur cricket, little athletics, hockey and soccer clubs.

The announcement by rally organisers on Monday came two days after several public 'consultation' sessions were held in the Tweed, one of which drew a small protest at Kingscliff.

Marine Parade resident John Smithwick told *The Echo* that the move was seen as 'a victory for community activism' as it 'took more than a thousand signatures, a protest meeting in park, information tables near the Kingscliff markets and countless letters from members of the community for our Council members and local politicians to realise that Kingscliff residents were very unhappy about the plans to turn our family friendly park into a pit area for noisy rally cars'.

But No Rally Group (NRG) president Michael McNamara said the move was 'just the latest in a series of cynical moves by rally organisers to try to make their unwanted event look less bad'.

'Moving the service park a little bit further away from the water changes nothing. We don't want the rally. We don't need the rally,' he said

'Do the rally organisers believe that people will get in their cars and drive to the Kingscliff shops to buy a coffee? Even if the flawed economic forecasts were accepted this will not benefit the Kingsclif businesses in Marine Parade.

'This is hardly win-win. Its more like lose-lose. The whole rally should be moved, not just the service park,' Mr McNamara said.

Mr Smithwick said residents were 'shocked that the Council could even have considered using the park for such an inappropriate purpose' but that 'common sense now seems to have prevailed'.

'But all this community indignation could have been avoided if there had been any kind of considered consultation process on the part of our elected representatives and their administrators. I hope those who claim to represent the residents of the region, take note of this experience, and ensure that in the future adequate consultation occurs at the community level, and not just in the halls of State Parliament.'

Rally officials say the sporting clubs and an adjacent retirement village had approved the use of the area as the pitstop area.

Rally organising committee chairman Gary Connelly said the Cudgen location had previously been considered but officials had thought it would not be available for September.

No answers from consultation sessions

Many residents who attended the consultation sessions last week said they did not get answers or the information they had sought.

At Murwillumbah Civic Centre last Friday, four rally officials were on hand to answer residents' concerns. John Morrison, of Byrrill Creek, said he still held concerns for people from his community at Pretty Gully.

'We still have concerns about the school bus run on the afternoon of the Friday when the rally will be staged around here,' he said.

'There are 16 families and 16 houses in Pretty Gully and most work outside the hours of rally so they won't be affected but there are some shift workers who finish at midday but won't be able to get home till after 6pm.'

Dr Julie Lewin of Uki, said she took time off work to attend the consultation but was very disappointed.

'I expected at least some people with knowledge of the various reports that have been compiled but no-one here could answer my questions on the social impact study,' she said.

'There were no notes taken of our discussion at all and [the official] was unable to answer the most basic of questions such as the return per dollar of the event.'

Dave Berg, from Couchy Creek, said he was a rally car driver in the UK as a young man and was concerned about copycat driving around local roads after the rally.

'I told him [the official] how upset I was that the rally would promote this sort of thing but they walked away from me.

'I used to be a rally driver before I realised the damage they can cause, in the last 30 years I've worked hard to preserve the local environment in the Tweed, the second most biodiverse region in Australia.'

About 30 people protested outside the Kingscliff Community Hall last Saturday while the rally officials were inside.

A protest-group spokesman described it as a 'Clayton's consultation' because 'mainly it seems they were there to tick the box that they had been "available to consult"'.

A survey of 22 people who attended the session was conducted by Tweed Climate Action Now. The survey showed most people thought the event a waste of taxpayers' money, which could have been better spent on cycle trails or ecotourism infrastructure for the long term.

Councillors defend their pay rise

Tweed councillors voted six to one at Tuesday night's meeting for a 2.5 per cent payrise that will see their pay packets now reach $15,500 a year and the mayor Joan van Lieshout receive $33,840 annually.

Cr van Lieshout recognised that she didn't need the money but said that all councillors deserved it for their tireless work.

Cr Kevin Skinner said the payrise 'isn't much for the time and effort you put in, the pressure you are put under and the demands people make of you. It comes back to the old adage that if you pay peanuts, you get monkeys. We are paid peanuts, but I'm not telling you we are monkeys.'

Greens councillor Katie Milne voted against the payrise. She pledged to donate the extra money she will now be awarded to a koala protection fund while Cr Dot Holdom said her extra pay would go back into the community.

Faced with the face of the future



Face to Face, an exhibition of portraiture in the digital age opens tomorrow (Friday) at the Tweed River Art Gallery. David Cranswick, director of d/Lu/MediaArts, is here with three of David Crooks's works exploring his idea of time slicing. In the exhibition, 19 artists display their perspectives on the effect the digital environment is having on the depiction of Human Identity. To find out more, check out www.dlux.org.au/face2face. Photo by Jeff (Digiteyes) Dawson

SCU's new airport campus takes shape

Imagine studying international tourism management, portal to endless possibilities of overseas travel, with the ocean about 400 metres away.

At the new Gold Coast campus of Southern Cross University near North Kirra Beach, such dreams may be realised. The final roof sheets, 32 metres long, are currently being installed on the foundation building, prior to work commencing on the interior..

The campus, due to open to students in February next year, will offer courses in business, convention and event management, law and paralegal studies alongside international tourism management.

According to Professor Paul Clark, Vice Chancellor of SCU, the University aims to engage with the Gold Coast and northern NSW community as well as constituting a strong drawcard for international students.

One feature of the new campus will be a one-stop student 'hub' manned by specially trained staff and accommodating self-help computer stations, large plasma screens for information updates and separate booths for one-on-one student consultations.

Professor Clark said that there would be more than 1,000 students studying at the University's three Tweed and Gold Coast locations in 2010.

Cap on Kunghur village plan rejected

Roxanne Millar

> 300-acre Nightcap Village to go ahead with projected 1,000 population and over 200 consent conditions.

A move by deputy mayor Barry Longland to scale down the proposed controversial Nightcap village project at Kunghur with a population cap has been knocked on the head.

Developer Peter van Lieshout, husband of mayor Joan van Lieshout, on Tuesday won final Tweed Shire Council approval, with over 200 conditions, to create a new hinterland township in the shadow of Mount Warning.

The approval followed the receipt of comments on the development proposal from the Department of Environment and Climate Change, sought by councillors last time the project was debated in council.

In giving conditional approval for the concept plans for the 3,000-acre site, councillors again rejected community opposition and a warning of a class action lawsuit by future residents of the Nightcap Village development.

In a fiery council meeting that also included addresses by opposing residents, acting mayor Barry Longland found little support among fellow councillors for his call to cap the development's population at 500 or 600 people, not the 1,000 proposed.

He won over only Greens councillor Katie Milne who alleged a number of issues with the development had been 'gagged' and accused the council of not supporting the community, of whom more than 500 people have expressed opposition to the plans.

'We have heard so much angst about this and I wonder why do we run on green tickets if we don't uphold them?' she said.

'There is no harm in scaling this down.'

Various amendments to the approval conditions failed to gain the support of councillor Dot Holdom and pro-development councillors Phil Youngblutt, Kevin Skinner and Warren Polglase.

The four-two approval (the mayor abstained) for the so-called eco-village came despite dire warnings by community members of multi-million-dollar class actions by future residents and the destruction of a threatened species.

Uki resident and climate risk consultant Donovan Burton warned councillors the site may be uninsurable due to its vulnerability to extreme weather events and that future residents may sue.

'If council allows this development to go ahead on high fire prone land, in a flood zone, with landslide risk and under climate change risks, it may lead to a class action,' he said.

'If people who move in can't get insurance, they lose the saleability of their home and it may lead to a class action.

'This would be a multi-million dollar lawsuit and I don't want to see the council go broke.'

Mr Burton said he was a climate risk consultant to councils and insurers and that he 'wouldn't recommend [insuring Nightcap Village] to any insurer'.

Another speaker, John Donvito, warned the council that four Giant Barred Frogs, a threatened species, had been found on the site in recent months.

'Anything that impacts on its breeding is illegal,' he said.

Mayor Joan van Lieshout was ineligible to vote but said later in the meeting the conditions were 'pretty heavy' and that no one understood what her husband wanted to do with the village.

Bargain book bonanza



Tweed Heads Library assistant Linda Bell goes through the bookshelves to sort out some old books for the Friends of Tweed Library's annual book sale to be held at the Tweed Heads Civic Centre next Friday and Saturday, June 26-27 from 8am.

The Friends are still after donations to help their cause. If you have any books, DVDs videos, CDs, tapes, board games, etc to donate, call the library on 07 5569 3150 if you need them collected. All proceeds go toward the Tweed Library. Membership of the Friends group is open to all library members, call 07 5524 5374 for info. Photo by Jeff 'Illiterati' Dawson

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Waste not want not

Federal and state governments squandered a golden opportunity recently to do something simple for the environment by encouraging the recycling of cans and bottles through a container deposit scheme.

Last month federal and state environment ministers met in Hobart to consider among other things federal container deposit legislation which many see as a way of improving recycling. The scheme would save councils money on kerbside recyclable collection, increase the recycled component of rubbish and reduce the amount going into landfill rubbish tips.

But again it boiled down to money, with ministers saying they did not act on the proposal this time around as they wanted to ensure the benefits outweighed the costs of such a scheme.

North Coast MLC Ian Cohen has also been pushing for a container deposit scheme at state level, but last week failed to get his Private Member's Bill, the Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery (Container Recovery) Bill 2008, up at all, after both opposition and government failed to support it.

It now seems a refund scheme in NSW is only a distant memory for many baby boomers, who remember collecting soft-drink bottles for their refundable cash value.

Mr Cohen said his bill aimed to divert six per cent of all municipal solid waste away from landfill, abating over 470,000 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions – which is equivalent to switching 67,000 homes to 100 per ent renewable energy.

These kinds of results, he says, are so easy to achieve through container deposit schemes which are proven to be popular with the electorate as most people already support recycling. Without such a container deposit scheme, ratepayers and councils have lost an opportunity to pay less for their waste to be taken away and community groups miss out on an opportunity to make money.

As Mr Cohen said, NSW could be seeing recycling rates of over 80 per cent, as they have in South Australia, compared to the less than 40 per cent NSW has now. Currently 210,000 tonnes of drink containers go to landfill every year. The MP said that if community groups could collect just those bottle deposits and get 10c for each, that's potentially millions of dollars for community projects.

Recently, Tweed mayor Joan van Lieshout backed the call by NSW LGSA and Clean Up Australia for a national refund scheme, saying that's how her millionaire husband Peter started out in a migrant camp.

Surely it can't be that hard to get a simple refund scheme together?

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Still doing very nicely, thank you

It's 45 years since Donald Horne christened Australia 'The Lucky Country,' and even writing in the middle of the balmy 60s he was being ironic.

But it seems Australians still believe they're especially favoured by fortune; either that or they are blind optimists.

Last week two separate measures of consumer sentiment saw confidence jump like a goosed kangaroo. The Melbourne Institute-Westpac index had its biggest rise in the 22 years of its existence – 13 percent – to level out at a figure of 100. In other words 50 per cent of consumers believe things are going to get better in the immediate future. The National Australia Bank index went up 12 per cent to get back to the level of last February, before the Global Financial Crisis had really penetrated public consciousness.

And this at a time when the world economy is generally seen to be going to hell in a handbasket.

Admittedly the punters can bring some evidence to bear to back up their remarkable cheerfulness. Political spin aside, Australia really does seem to be holding up remarkably well compared to the rest of the industrialised world.

The figures show that, almost uniquely, we are not actually in recession – well, we weren't when the figures were collected, at least not technically speaking; we had slowed down to a snail's pace but we were not actually going backwards. To rejoice in such circumstances is a bit like the man who cried because he had no shoes until he met a man with no feet, but then, all things are relative.

There are, of course, reasons to suppose that by now the economy has almost certainly gone into reverse: the main positive in the March quarter was the unexpectedly high balance of trade, and since then commodity prices for our exports have fallen and the Australian dollar has appreciated, making our exports less profitable on two fronts.

On top of this the fall in imports was not entirely good news because some of the imports we did not have included

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by Mungo MacCallum

plant and equipment that could be used to increase productivity and generate jobs. However, viewed through rose coloured glasses it was a pretty beautiful set of numbers, made prettier still by the fact that consumer spending was holding up.

Kevin Rudd and his colleagues immediately pointed to their stimulus measures as the cause, and fair enough; there is no doubt they have had considerable effect and it may not be over yet. Those who prudently used their first stimulus package to pay off debt may be more inclined to splurge out on the second one, and if the consumer confidence figures mean anything, that sector of the economy at least is doing amazingly well.

But not as amazingly as employment. Here, the figures are absolutely mind-blowing. If they are right, the rise last month was miniscule, and even that had a lot to do with the fact that quite a lot of those who had previously given the game away are now back in the workforce and actively looking for jobs.

Moreover, a closer look at the numbers reveals something even stranger: while full time jobs shrunk, part time jobs showed a marked increase. This shift may be deplored by hardline economists, but it may also show something entirely praiseworthy about Australians: there appears to have been an informal arrangement between many employers and their workers to share the pain.

In other words, as the available work has diminished, rather than some employees being sacked altogether, quite a lot have agreed to take cuts to their hours, and therefore to their wages. This is a wonderful example of real mateship in action; the kind of mateship John Howard, who tried to copyright the concept, could only dream of.

It probably can't be extended to cover a more serious downturn, and as Rudd keeps saying, we aren't out of the woods yet.

In fact, we are barely entering them; like Hansel and Gretel we are just pushing our way through the outlying scrub and relying on a trail of breadcrumbs to get us home again. But the progress so far has been astonishingly good, and the surveys make it clear that a great many of us still regard the glass as half full.

One reason for this sanguine outlook may be that so far at least Australia has appeared an island of stability in a storm-wracked world. There have been few real collapses, no flood of repossessions, and not many families have had friends or relatives dumped in the dole queue. But perhaps above all, the banks have stood rock solid, declaring in stentorian tones that for them it will be business as usual. They will continue to be arrogant, grasping, and above all profitable bastards.

Thus it was almost reassuring to hear the Commonwealth say it was ignoring Reserve Bank policy, Government pleas and common decency and putting up its rates; some things never change. Back in the days when Horne wrote *The Lucky Country*, university students had a song:

There'll always be a Menzies
While there's a BHP
For they have drawn their
 dividends
Since 1893.

There'll always be a Menzies
For Menzies never fails
As long as nothing happens
To the Bank of New South
 Wales.

If we should lose our
 Menzies
Wherever would we be
If Menzies means as much
 to you
As Menzies means to me.

Of course BHP is now Billiton and the Wales is now Westpac, but apart from that you could just about substitute Kevin for Menzies and use it today. For Rudd is our shepherd, even if we're not quite sure where he's leading us, and the banks we trust – to be bastards.

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Message board

I am writing to help 'clarify' the meaning on the noticeboard outside St Andrews Presbyterian Church in Murwillumbah. I would have thought it actually quite obvious, but anyway…

We are all self-righteous and we are all hypocrites. We may not resort to the same 'shenanigans' as the NRL players but we all have some kind of skeleton in our closet!

And we are all welcome at St Andrews Church in Murwillumbah. Because no matter who you are or what you do, you are worthy of God's grace and forgiveness.

I had the pleasure of attending a service there for the first time this last Sunday. I was warmly welcomed and I was extremely thankful to find the unadulterated word of the bible being taught. I will definitely be back and I strongly urge any of you to join us.

Terri Groth
Doon Doon

■ *Backburner* (June 11) seems to have missed the point of the message at St Andrews Presbyterian Church in Murwillumbah.

NRL players, Pharisees and all sinners are welcome there to hear of God's grace and forgiveness. Maybe if they had gone there, or other churches, instead of the pubs and clubs, they would not be in the trouble they are now in.

God loves all men, he doesn't always like what they are doing, but his love and grace are sufficient to lead them away from a rubbishy life and into his blessings.

Joyce Hawkins
Kingscliff

Mayor's 'divisive' decision

■ Thank you, Mayor Joan, for giving our identity back. We are not Bundjalung.

Ngarakwal Elder Harry Boyd
Wollumbin

■ I read with dismay in the *Tweed Shire Echo* (June 11) that the mayor, Joan van Lieshout, has dropped the acknowledgement to Aboriginal people that is read at the beginning of Council meetings, apparently because she claims it is 'divisive'.

The mayor claims that 'it singles out just one group'. How is this so? Had the mayor taken the trouble to find out she would be aware that in 1892 the Reverend Livingstone recorded the language of the Tweed's traditional Aboriginal people using their name, Ngandowal, the people who say Ngando for 'who' or 'somebody'. Linguists, such as Terry Crowley and Margaret Sharpe, have studied Livingstone's records (along with other sources) and concluded that there was more than sufficient difference for Ngandowal to be recognised as a separate dialect within a language chain that stretches from the Logan River in the north, to the Clarence River in the south, and as far west as Warwick in southeast Queensland.

Had she read available information in local history books about Aboriginal culture she would be aware that Githabul is both a dialect and group identification for Aboriginal people, centred on the Woodenbong area, to the west of Kyogle Shire. Ngarakwal, on the other hand, is but one word of more than fifty, used to describe traditional Aboriginal people of the Tweed, and this word has been applied at times to the Southern Gold Coast, Tweed Shire, Byron Shire, and parts of Ballina, Lismore and Kyogle Shires.

Instead of taking advice from ill-informed non-Aboriginal people, perhaps the mayor should have asked those Aboriginal people who actually live in the Tweed and have always done so. Perhaps she would have been told that the name and group identification they choose is their business. They have every right to recognise Bundjalung as a collective name to describe common cultural and language association, both in the past and at present.

The mayor might also have been told that along with certain cultural beliefs, a language difference of around 35 per cent, and the geographic differences between Tweed and Kyogle Shires, there are sufficient criteria for scholars to recognise that the traditional Aboriginal people of the Tweed belonged to a cohesive social group. In our recent recorded history Aboriginal people have always acknowledged this.

Aboriginal people who live here know who has cultural and family connections to the Tweed and it is offensive for the mayor, as a non-Aboriginal person, to yet again question their identity and require 'convincing'. Perhaps she too should apologise.

Ian Fox
Burringbar

Another message

I would like to commend you or your staff on the layout of the TV supplement. You may care to use this verse as a commentary in a future issue. 'For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing...' 1 Corinthians 1:18.

G Witheridge
Hastings Point

Democratic semblance

It's high time the Rees government explained to the constituency what, if any, commitment it retains to a semblance of democracy. We now have a system of unelected, and therefore unrepresentative, local 'planning' panels which will pass judgment on all development proposals other than extensions to your dog kennel.

Then we have imposed upon us 'special' legislation to enforce a week of motor rallying demonstrably unwanted by the greater community. If, as rumoured, this act is based on the special legislation enacted for World Youth Day, Tweed residents will face arrest for the heinous crime of wearing anti-rally t-shirts.

Minister Ian McDonald makes the ludicrous claim the rally will return $100 million; rally organisers as late as last Saturday were claiming only $30 million. One can only hope the legislation forces them to agree on a realistic figure and then tell the truth about it.

But if World Youth Day along with His Holiness and the Popemobile can't turn a profit, what hope has a minor motor rally with drivers no-one has ever heard of? As our Prime Minister might well say, 'Fair suck of the sauce bottle'.

Finally, if representative local government in NSW is to be usurped by a barrage of Special Acts and unelected committees, perhaps it is time we started paying the Federal Government for our roads, rubbish and sewerage and rid ourselves of state and local government altogether.

Jeremy Cornford
Kingscliff

■ Other letters received from P Dwyer, Murwillumbah, P Rae, Condong, R Bell, Cawongla. More rally letters overleaf

RALLY COMMENT

■ I have urged in writing to the local Tweed MP that he not vote for the special legislation that will allow Repco Rally to trash our beautiful caldera:

You should know that there is massive anger and outrage about how this dinosaur event has just been dumped on us without any consultation.

Rally Australia say that the majority of people along the route are in favour of it. This is simply spin. Everyone is totally against it from kids to the elderly, from all walks of life. We see rally racing for what it is: a pointless, destructive activity for rich Europeans.

The only jobs I can see created are in television companies far away from here. Rally organisers have only asked for local volunteers. It is only going to raise money for a few accommodation hosts and people selling petrol. It is not the kind of 'tourism' we want, nor do we want our area beamed across the world in this context.

I truly hope that the event will be cancelled due to lack of interest, lack of ticket sales, and above all in respect of the environmental wishes of the people that live in the caldera. And with support from politicians. We elect you to serve us, the people, not the profits of big companies who unethically treat the planet like a dustbin. Repco is not even a you beaut Aussie company, it's owned by a US multinational.

Richard Bell
Cawongla

■ We, the undersigned, wish to advise the community that our respective community associations have been misrepresented in the CONICS report entitled 'Rally Australia Socio-Economic Impact Assessment', which was commissioned by Repco Rally Australia.

We have been listed on p29 of this report as being the representatives of our respective community associations who were supposedly part of the community consultation process.

We wish to advise that no such community consultation ever took place.

We were, however, individually contacted by a CONICS representative and asked a series of questions regarding the rally, which at the time appeared to be nothing more than a random Gallup Poll.

However, by their own admission, the CONICS representative omitted to inform us that we were being interviewed as the spokesperson for our respective associations and that our interviews were being recorded. One interviewee asked the CONICS representative during the interview, if the interview was being recorded and was only then told that it was. The interviewee was simply told that she was being interviewed as a 'key stakeholder'.

Nevertheless, each of us presented our own personal views on the rally. We did not speak on behalf of our respective associations.

A second group of community groups was noted in the report as being unavailable or unwilling to participate. However, we wish to advise that not all of those listed as such were, in fact, ever contacted.

In the case of the KRATER group from Kyogle, the representative did know she was being interviewed on behalf of KRATER; however, the views of her organisation were noticeably omitted from the report.

So, given that the community consultation indicated in the report did not take place as stated, nor accurately represent the wider community, we believe that this report is therefore invalid.

Maggie Wilkins-Russell
Uki Village and District Residents' Association
Diana Eriksen
Murwillumbah Ratepayers' Assoc
Claire Masters
Tweed Landcare
Ian Anderson
North Kingscliff Dune Care Group
Mary Willis
KRATER Group, Kyogle
Bob Jarman and Johanna Kempff
Richmond Landcare Services

■ Apparently it's all going to be okay, everybody. After many minutes spent consulting community groups across our region, Repco Rally Australia decided they should maybe do a little more and last Friday they held a community meeting in Murwillumbah. Luckily enough I own my own business and was able to take the morning off to attend.

Apparently only sixty cars will be racing in the event, although I was told they would have speed limits throughout the entire course so technically it's not really a race. This is probably for the best seeing as there now won't be the unpopular mass road closures, instead the public share a large part of the racetrack with the rally cars. So we'll see high performance race cars sticking to 80kph and being overtaken by locals who can stick to the speed limit that on rural roads is 110kph.

Apparently all our little critters will be safely scared away by bullhorns and helicopters.

Apparently there is a plan to stop copycat drivers by promoting motor sports to our school children.

Apparently they really did consult with the landcare groups, they just have forgotten which ones.

Apparently our town water is safe, the catchment kept clean by boom gates on the causeways, no need to fear a car crash where the road runs next to the creek because apparently these rally cars don't crash.

Apparently we should trust them to be telling the truth.

Adam Heggie
Pumpenbil

■ Despite promises of massive riches for Tweed and Kyogle shire, this year's FIA Rally in Finland tells a somewhat different story.

Rally Finland has undergone a 40 per cent budget cut from 2008, due to the current economic climate. The Jyvaskyla-based event, running from July 30-August 2, is regarded by many in the World Rally Championship as the perfect business model of how to run an event at the highest level. Despite the rally's sound economic footing, promoter Jarmo Mahonen admits this year will be tough. He said, 'The economic recession is biting harder by the day in Finland. An obvious symptom of that is the fact that we have lost over 1,000 pre-booked VIP guests. Consequently, the event's budget has been slashed by over 40 per cent for this summer. As an event organiser, we must be prepared for several lean years.'

We can only hope that our myopic state government will eventually have the sense to pull the plug on this monstrous event, which is to be staged in the Tweed and Kyogle shires, before it drains the council coffers. Surely even vision-challenged Freddie can see that this is the writing on the wall for rallies of this kind.

In the meantime the communities afflicted have to fund this outmoded and very dangerous form of entertainment by providing the costs for extra police, extra ambulance workers, extra council maintenance, extra hospital work in underfunded, undermanned hospitals, extra volunteer people, wildlife carers, land care groups – the list just goes on. It is now even more likely that the multi million-dollar carrot dangled over the gullible business owners' heads is the chimera it always was.

Chris Degenhardt
Nobbys Creek

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What to do about injured wildlife

Mark Byrne

After a recent encounter with a roo (blood on door, roo disappeared), following which I salved my conscience slightly by later rescuing a tortoise upturned in the middle of another road, I started thinking about how we respond to wildlife hit by cars.

The average roadkill toll is said to be about one animal every five or six kilometres every year (the stats don't even include birds). With over 800,000 kilometres of public roads across Australia, that could mean at least four million violent and untimely deaths every year, or nearly three thousand times the number of humans who die on our roads. Most of these are native animals, all of which are protected by state and/or national laws. While roadkill may be a sign that population levels are relatively high, road deaths can cause the local extinction of a population. Anyway, every one of these animals feels pain, so it's a horrible way to die.

Roadkill is, of course, not the only cause of injury to wildlife. Apart from natural causes including flood, fire, and predation by, or fights with, other native animals, toxic water, ingesting plastics, and attacks from cats, foxes and other feral animals all take their toll. Not to mention habitat destruction and climate change.



(l-r) Sue Johnson, Kellie Armstrong, Karen Chadwick, Todd Armstrong and Lucinda Fergus with Lloydie the carpet python at a recent Reptile Care and Handling course held by Tweed Valley Wildlife Carers (TVWC).

More than 4,000 calls a year are made to the TVWC hotline in relation to injured or ill native animals, and dedicated volunteers respond to these calls 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, regardless of the species of native animal.

Such a valuable service requires a period of training preceded by an orientation. Orientation days are only held three times a year and the next one takes place on Saturday, June 27.

TVWC president Helen Joakim is urging everyone interested in our native wildlife who wants to contribute to its preservation in the shire to attend. Held at the South Tweed Community Hall, it will run from 9.30am till 4pm.

For more information call 6672 4789.

In trying to reduce the animal road toll, there are four things that would help: obeying and enforcing the law as it stands, making it easier to help injured animals, encouraging behavioural change by drivers, and making roads safer for animals. Let's look at each of these.

Reasonable steps

Under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, drivers of vehicles which strike and injure an animal (including pest species but excluding birds, which the law considers to be fair game, so to speak) are required to 'take reasonable steps to alleviate the pain.' This might be as simple as picking the animal up and carefully placing it well away from the road, where it might recover (for the precautions to take in approaching an injured animal, check out www.rspca.org.au.) It might mean putting it in your car, driving to the nearest town and taking it to a vet. Or it might mean ringing a wildlife care group for help.

If it's a domestic animal, the law says you must 'inform, as soon as practicable, an officer or a person in charge of the animal that the animal has been injured.' Violating this law is a criminal offence punishable by a fine or up to six months imprisonment, but the RSPCA says few people have ever been convicted. This is understandable in view of the difficulty for police and RSPCA officers in apprehending suspects. However, it wouldn't hurt for the odd road sign, among the hundreds we are subjected to on a long trip, to remind drivers of their responsibility to alleviate the pain of animals they hit.

Organisations like the RSPCA, the NSW Wildlife Information, Rescue and Education Service (WIRES), local animal rescue groups and many vets do a great job with limited resources in collecting, caring for, releasing and monitoring injured animals. Even so, there is no doubt that most animals hit by cars and trucks are never helped. Many of those lucky enough to be properly helped after being hit still die prematurely. And some of those rehabilitated do not survive long when returned to the wild. Carers do what they can, but as car and feral animal numbers increase and wildlife habitat decreases, it's mostly a losing battle.

Here's another thing that would help. You will have seen signs on the side of highways with the phone number of WIRES or a local group. But who writes these numbers down as they drive past? There is 1 3000 WIRES, but it does not have branches everywhere, even in NSW, and there are other local groups with their own phone numbers. It would be better if there was a single, independent line like a 000 emergency line for animals, which could then refer callers to the nearest carer group or vet.

Obvious precautions

There are some other obvious precautions against causing roadkill, such as not driving early or late in the day and slowing down where there are trees or long grasses close to the road. Road safety experts say the chances of serious injury or death from road accidents roughly double for every ten kilometres per hour of extra speed. If you see an adult roo, say, by the roadside when you're doing 60, you can probably avoid it. At 80, if you don't see it early enough, an accident will probably cause major injury to the roo and minor damage to your car. At 100, it's not only the roo that is in deep trouble. Even if you're in a big 4WD and you avoid 70 kilograms of roo flying through the windscreen, you'll probably cause major panel damage and set off the airbags, which is a big hassle and will set you back for your insurance excess at the very least.

In NSW, the Roads and Traffic Authority has reduced the roadkill toll on new or upgraded highways in recent years by constructing koala-proof fencing and building earthen, vegetated underpasses and overpasses for ground-dwelling mammals and rope or other crossings at canopy level for koalas and possums.

Enforce speed limits

They are of varying effectiveness and are few and far between, however. From a native animal's point of view, all roads should be fenced to keep metal missiles at a safe distance, with regular crossings that, where they must be at road level, require drivers to slow right down. Speed limits should also be reduced in wildlife habitat areas, especially at night, and enforced.

What to do, though, when you have hit an animal and you don't know what number to call, you're out of mobile range, you don't know where the nearest vet is, the animal is too big to pick up and put in your car, or you don't think it will survive anyway? I sometimes wish I had a baseball bat in the car, not for self-protection, but to alleviate the suffering of animals I or others have hit, even if I'm not sure I'd know what to do with it. And a little spade, to take care of the body.

Other times, though, I'm glad I don't have access to an implement of death — other than a car, that is.

■ Dr Mark Byrne is Education Officer at the Environmental Defender's Office Northern Rivers in Lismore.

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Television Guide

1. **Terminator 3** (NBN, Friday, 9.45pm) is worth watching for the crane chase scene. It's downhill after that.
2. Not clear what motivated two fine actors, Robert De Niro and Sean Penn, to take part in a lucklustre remake of **We're No Angels** (Ten, Saturday, midnight). Perhaps the cheques read better than the script.
3. No mystery in any actor wanting to work for director David Lynch. **Mullholland Drive** (NBN, Saturday, 11.20pm) may be the best movie this week.


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FRIDAY 19

ABC1
4.30 Police Rescue (PG) Rpt.
5.30 The New Inventors (G) Rpt.
6.00 Kids' Programs
11.00 Croc Country
11.30 Sex In The Bush (G)
12.00 Midday Report
12.30 Darling Buds Of May (PG)
1.30 Spicks And Specks (G) Rpt.
2.00 Monarch Of The Glen (G) Rpt.
3.00 Kids' Programs
6.00 Message Stick (G) Rpt.
6.30 Can We Help? (G)
7.00 ABC News
7.30 Stateline (G)
8.00 Collectors (G)
8.30 Silent Witness (M)
10.15 The Hollowmen (M)
10.45 Lateline (M)
11.20 triple j tv With The Doctor Rpt
11.50 Good Game Rpt.
12.20 rage (M)
Oppose not rage while rage is in its force, but give it way a while and let it waste. William Shakespeare

SBS ONE
6.30 World News in various languages.
7.20 Weatherwatch
7.25 World News in various languages.
1.00 The Food Lovers Guide To Australia
1.30 World News in various languages.
2.30 Metropolis: The Bright Cities Of The Dark Ages (G) Final.
3.30 Halal Mate (PG)
4.00 The Journal
4.30 Newshour With Jim Lehrer
5.30 Hotspell (G)
6.00 Global Village: Corsica (G)
6.30 World News Australia
7.30 Who Do You Think You Are? Gurinder Chadha (PG)
8.30 As It Happened: World War II – Behind Closed Doors Pt5 (PG)
9.30 World News Australia
10.00 Vixen Academy: How To Be A Bitch (M)
10.40 Movie: Demonlover (MAV 2002) Thriller from France. Stars Connie Nielsen, Charles Berling.
12.45 FIFA Confederations Cup 2009
1.15 WeatherWatch Overnight

PRIME
6.00 Sunrise
9.00 Morning Show (PG)
11.30 Seven Morning News
12.00 Movie: The Dive From Clausen's Pier (M 2005) Stars Michelle Trachtenberg, Will Estes, Sean Maher, Kristin Fairlie.
2.00 All Saints (M)
3.00 New Idea TV (G)
3.30 Kids' Programs
4.30 Seven News
5.00 M*A*S*H (G) Rpt.
5.30 Deal Or No Deal
6.00 Seven and Prime News
7.00 Home And Away (PG)
7.30 Better Homes And Gardens (PG)
8.30 TBA
10.30 2009 AFL Premiership Season Essendon v Melbourne.
2.30 Danoz And Guthy-Renker

Prime HD program same as above except: **12.00** This Rugged Coast (G) **1.00** Movie: The Musketeer (M) **2.35** Deal Or No Deal **3.00** Kids Programs (G) **4.00** New Idea TV ➟

TEN
6.00 Golf: US Open 2009
9.00 9am With David And & Kim (PG)
11.00 Ten News
12.00 Dr Phil (PG)
1.00 Oprah Winfrey Show (PG)
2.00 Ready Steady Cook (PG)
3.00 Infomercial
3.30 Huey's Cooking Adventures (PG)
4.00 Friends (G)
4.30 The Bold & The Beautiful (G)
5.00 Ten News
6.00 The Simpsons (G) Rpt.
6.30 Neighbours (G) Rpt.
7.00 Masterchef Australia (PG)
8.00 So You Think You Can Dance (PG)
10.00 Law & Order: CI (M)
10.50 Late News
11.20 Sports Tonight
11.50 Late Show With David Letterman (PG)
12.30 What It Takes (G)
1.00 Video Hits (PG)
2.00 Infomercials (PG)
5.00 Religion to 6am (PG).
All thinking men are atheists. Ernest Hemingway

NBN
5.30 Today
9.00 Mornings with Kerri-Anne (PG)
11.00 Danoz and Guthy Renker
12.00 Ellen Degeneres Show (PG)
1.00 The View (PG) talk show.
2.00 Days Of Our Lives (PG)
3.00 Alive And Cooking (G)
3.30 Kids' Programs
4.30 NBN News
5.00 Antiques Roadshow (G)
5.30 Hot Seat
6.00 NBN News
7.00 A Current Affair
7.30 Friday Night Football Penrith v Canterbury/Bankstown.
9.45 Movie: Terminator 3 (M 2003) Stars Arnold Schwarzenegger, Nick Stahl, Claire Danes.
12.00 NBN News
12.30 Movie: Tinseltown (M 1997) Stars Arye Gross, David Dukes, Kristy Swanson, Joe Pantaliano.
2.15 Guy Sebastian (G)
2.30 Ellen Degeneres Show (PG)
3.30 Guthy Renker Australia (G)

ABC2
6.00 ABC News
9.00 Business Today
9.30 Asia Pacific News
10.00 Kids' Programs
4.30 The New Inventors Rpt.
5.00 7.30 Select
5.30 Catalyst (G) Rpt.
6.00 Compass (G) Rpt.
6.30 Scrapheap Challenge (G)
7.15 Mr Bean (PG)
7.30 The Royal Today (PG)
8.00 The Worst Week Of My Life: Saturday (PG)
8.30 Torchwood (M)
9.20 Being Human (M)
10.20 Songbook
11.10 Planet Rock Profiles: Rob Thomas (PG)
11.35 The Graham Norton Show (M)
12.05 Close

SBS TWO
5.00am to 6.00pm World News In Various Languages
6.30 World News
7.30 Lost Worlds: Dragons Of The Sea (G)
8.30 112 Emergency (PG)
9.00 Movie: Blue Swallow (M 2005) Drama from South Korea. Stars Jin-Young Jang, Juhyuk Kim.
11.20 Movie: Atomik Circus (MAV 2004) Scifi from France. Stars Jean-Pierre Marielle, Vanessa Paradis.
12.55 WeatherWatch Overnight

SATURDAY 20

ABC1
5.00 rage (PG)
10.00 rage: Guest Programmer – TZU (PG)
11.00 Executive Stress (G)
11.30 The Cook And The Chef
12.00 Stateline
12.30 Australian Story
1.00 Foreign Correspondent
1.30 Can We Help?
2.00 Killers In Eden (PG)
3.00 Rugby Union: Shute Shield 2009
5.00 Bowls: Perth International 2009 Australia v Scotland: Mixed pairs.
6.00 Echo Beach (PG) Rpt.
6.25 Minuscule (G)
6.30 Gardening Australia (G)
7.00 ABC News
7.30 New Tricks (PG) Rpt.
8.25 ABC News
8.30 The Bill (M)
10.00 ABC News
10.05 Foyle's War (M) Rpt.
11.45 rage (M)

SBS ONE
5.20 World News in various languages.
7.15 Weatherwatch
7.25 World News in various languages.
1.00 San Remo Song Festival (PG) Masterpiece from Italy.
3.00 Claude Monet Painter (G) Masterpiece from France.
3.30 Richard Wagner And His Woman (PG) Masterpiece from Germany.
4.30 Newshour With Jim Lehrer
5.30 Who Do You Think You Are? David Baddiel (PG)
6.30 World News Australia
7.30 Richard Hammond Engineering Connections: Taipai Tower (G)
8.30 The Squiz (M) Sports quiz show.
9.00 RockKwiz (PG)
9.50 Movie: The Mother (MA 2003) Stars Daniel Craig, Peter Vaughan, Anne Reid, Anna Wilson-Jones.
11.45 SOS
12.45 SInchronicity (MA)
1.40 Weatherwatch Overnight
Stick insects (Phasmids)
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PRIME
6.00 Kids' Programs
12.00 Eclipse (PG)
1.00 Death Valley (G)
1.30 Motorsport On Prime (G)
2.30 V8 Supercars
3.30 The Real Seachange (G)
4.00 Animal Extractors (G)
5.00 Guide To The Good Life (G)
5.30 Sydney Weekender (G)
6.00 Seven News
6.30 TBA
7.00 Rugby Australia v Italy
10.00 TBA
12.15 Movie: War Stories (M 2004) Stars Jeff Goldblum, Lake Bell, Louise Lombard, Jeffrey Nordling, Noam Jenkins.
2.00 Danoz Direct & Guthy Renker

Prime HD program same as above except: **12.00** Saturday Disney **1.30** Movie: Zenon – Girl In The 21st Century (G 1999) **3.00** Movie: Battle For The Planet Of The Apes (PG 1973) **4.30** Harry's Practice **5.00** Better Homes And Gardens ➟

TEN
6.00 Golf: US Open 2009
9.00 Totally Wild
9.30 I Got A Rocket
10.00 Video Hits (PG)
12.00 Test Drive (PG)
12.30 Infomercials
1.30 Hook Line & Sinker (PG)
2.00 How To Look Good Naked (G)
3.00 Movie: October Sky (PG) Stars Laura Dern, Jake Gyllenhall.
5.00 Ten News
5.30 Sports Tonight (PG)
6.00 Futurama (PG)
6.30 The Simpsons (PG)
7.30 AFL Premiership Season 2009 Sydney v Collingwood.
11.00 Good News Week (M)
12.00 Movie: We're No Angels (M 1989) Stars Robert De Niro, Sean Penn, Demi Moore, John C. Reilly, Hoyt Axton, James Russo.
2.00 Infomercials
4.00 Golf: US Open 2009

NBN
6.00 Infomercials
7.00 Today On Saturday
9.00 Kids' Programs
1.15 I Dream Of Jeannie (G)
1.45 Movie: Guess Who's Coming To Dinner (PG 1967) Stars Spencer Tracy, Katharine Hepburn, Sidney Poitier, Katharine Houghton.
4.00 Discover Downunder (G)
4.30 Talk To The Animals (G)
5.00 Fishing Australia (PG)
5.30 Postcards (G)
6.00 Evening News
6.30 Australia's Funniest Home Videos
7.30 TBA
8.40 Saturday Lotto
9.30 TBA
11.20 Movie: Mulholland Drive (MA15+ 2001) Stars Laura Elena Harring, Naomi Watts.
2.05 Movie: Bad Boys (M 1983) Stars Sean Penn, Ally Sheedy, Esai Morales.
4.00 Guthy Renker & Danoz

ABC2
7.00 Kids' Programs
3.00 rage (G)
5.00 rage (PG)
6.05 The New Inventors Rpt.
6.35 Heartland (G) Rpt.
7.20 Rex The Runt (PG) Rpt.
7.30 The Einstein Factor (G) Rpt.
8.00 At The Movies Rpt.
8.30 Movie: The Silencers (PG 1966) Stars Dean Martin, Stella Stevens, Dalish Lavi.
10.10 Movie: A Chance Of A Lifetime (G 1950) Stars Bernard Miles.
11.55 Close

SBS TWO
5.00am to 6.00pm World News In Various Languages
6.30 World News
7.35 Iron Chef (G)
8.20 Marx & Venus (PG) Rpt
8.30 Epitafios (MA)
9.30 Movie: Bad Habits (M 2007) Drama from Mexico. Stars Ximena Ayala, Elena de Haro, Marco Antonio Trevino.
11.10 Movie: Next Door (MA 2004) Thriller from Norway. Stars Kristoffer Joner, Cecillie Mosli.
12.30 WeatherWatch Overnight

SUNDAY 21

ABC1
5.00 rage (PG) **6.30** Kids' Programs **9.00** Insiders **10.00** Inside Business **10.30** Offsiders **11.00** Asia Pacific Focus **11.30** Songs Of Praise
12.00 Landline (G)
1.00 Gardening Australia
1.30 Message Stick (G)
2.00 Battlefield Mysteries
3.00 Ashkenazy Conducts Rachmaninoff Symphony No.3
3.55 Joshua Bell: Poet Of The Strings (G)
4.45 Composer Tunes: Niccolo Paganini – The First Virtuoso (G)
5.00 Sunday Arts
6.00 At The Movies
6.30 The Einstein Factor
7.00 ABC News
7.30 Nature's Great Events (G)
8.30 Agatha Christie's Miss Marple: A Pocket Full Of Rye (M)
10.05 Compass (G)
10.35 The Adventures Of Benjamin Schmid (G)
12.25 Order In The House
1.25 Movie: Divorce Of Lady X (PG 1938) Stars Laurence Olivier, Merle Oberon.
2.55 Movie: Maid's Night Out (G 1938) Stars Joan Fontaine, Allan Lane.
4.00 The Pet Show (G)

SBS ONE
4.00 2009 FIFA Confederations Cup Spain v South Africa
6.30 2009 FIFA Confederations Cup Iraq v New Zealand
8.30 World News in various languages.
12.00 50 ears Of Don Burrows (G)
12.30 James Morrison: Blowing His Own Trumpet (G)
1.00 Speedweek
3.00 Football Asia
3.30 FIFA Futbol Mundial
4.00 Les Murray's Football Feature
5.00 The World Game
6.00 Thalassa: Fisherman's Blues (G)
6.30 World News Australia
7.30 Behind The Dracula Legend (PG)
8.30 Dateline
9.30 Movie: The Barbarian Invasions (MA 2003) Drama/Comedy from Canada. Stars Remy Girard, Stephane Rousseau.
11.15 2009 FIFA Confederations Cup
11.45 Movie: Blu Cha Cha (M 2005) Stars Su Huilun, Lu Yijing.
1.45 Weatherwatch Overnight

PRIME
6.00 Religion
7.00 Weekend Sunrise
10.00 AFL Game Day (PG)
11.00 Jamie's Journey With The Children Of India (G)
12.00 Kia Soul Live At The Chapel (PG)
1.00 V8 Supercars Skycity 300 Hidden Valley
5.00 Destination New Sealand (G)
5.20 Mother And Son (PG)
6.00 Seven News
6.30 Sunday Night
7.30 Border Security (PG)
8.00 The Force – Behind The Line (PG)
8.30 Bones (M)
9.30 Castle (M)
10.30 SCU (PG)
11.00 24 (M)
12.00 Hot Auctions (G)
12.30 Brand Developers
1.00 Danoz Direct & Guthy Renker
5.30 Seven Early News

Prime HD program same as above except: ➟ **12.00** Dateline NBC **1.00** Movie: Wome Vs Men (MA 2002) **2.30** Guthy Renker

TEN
6.00 Golf: US Open 2009
10.00 State Focus
10.30 Video Hits (G)
12.00 Merlin (PG)
1.00 Orangutan Diaries (PG)
1.30 Netball: Festival Of The Stars Celebrity Match
2.30 Netball: ANZ Championship 2009 Swofts v Fever.
4.30 Meerkat Manor (G)
5.00 Ten News
5.30 Out Of The Blue (PG)
6.00 The Simpsons (PG)
6.30 Merlin (PG)
7.30 Masterchef Australia (PG)
8.30 Rove (M)
9.40 The Biggest Loser (PG)
11.10 Formula One Grand Prix: British Grand Prix
1.25 Harper's Island (M)
2.25 Video Hits Up Late (PG)
2.30 Infomercials
3.30 Golf: US Open 2009

NBN
6.00 Danoz And Guthy Renker
7.00 Today
10.00 Wide World Of Sports (G)
11.00 The Sunday Footy Show (G)
12.00 Sunday Roast (PG)
1.00 WWE Afterburn Live.
2.00 Super League Huddersfield Giants v Castleford Tigers.
4.00 Sunday Rubby League Manly v Canberra.
6.00 Evening News
6.30 Random Acts Of Kindness (PG)
7.30 60 Minutes
8.30 CSI: CSI (M)
9.30 CSI: Miami (M)
10.30 CSI: Miami (M)
11.25 Psychic Detectives (PG)
11.50 2009 ICC World Twenty20 Cricket
3.00 Guthy Renker Australia
3.30 Religion
4.00 Good Morning America
5.00 Early Morning News

ABC2
7.00 Classic Albums: The Who – Who's Next **8.00** Zoo Days (G) **8.45** Creature Comforts (G) **8.55** A Place In Slovakia (G) **9.20** Scrapheap Challenge **11.00** Beautiful Noise **12.00** London Live (PG) **12.30** Red Dwarf (PG) **1.30** Planet Rock Profiles (G) **2.00** triple j tv presents: Red Riders Go AWOL (G)
3.00 Crowded House: Farewell To The World (PG)
4.00 Coldplay Live In Sydney 2003 (G)
5.00 Pop[b]session: Session 5 (G)
6.00 ABC Fora
7.00 Artscape (PG)
7.30 Sunday Arts (G)
8.30 Note By Note: The Making Of Steinway L1037
9.50 Johann Sebastian Bach: Waves
10.00 Monumental Vision In Slovakia (G)
10.30 Hustle (M)
11.20 Close

SBS TWO
5.00am to 6.00pm World News In Various Languages
6.30 World News
7.30 The World Game
8.30 The Spiral (MA)
9.30 Movie: Torrente 3 – The Protector (M) Comedy from Spain. Stars Santiago Segura, Jose Mota, Javier Gutierrez, Ivonne Scio.
11.10 Movie: Simon (MA 2004) Comedy from Netherlands. Stars Cees Geel, Marcel Hensema, Rifka Lodeizen, Daan Ekkel, Eva Duijvestein.
1.00 WeatherWatch Overnight

MONDAY 22

ABC1
4.30 **Police Rescue** (PG) Rpt.
5.30 **The New Inventors** (G) Rpt.
6.00 **Kids' Programs**
11.00 **Landline** Rpt.
12.00 **Midday Report**
12.30 **Poirot** (PG)
1.30 **The Cook And The Chef** (G) Rpt.
2.00 **Parliament Question Time: The Senate**
3.00 **Kids' Programs**
6.00 **Landline Extra** Rpt.
6.30 **Talking Heads**
7.00 **ABC News**
7.30 **The 7.30 Report**
8.00 **Australian Story** (PG)
8.30 **Four Corners**
9.20 **Media Watch**
9.35 **Spooks** (M)
10.30 **Lateline & Lateline Business**
11.35 **Shape Of The Moon** (M)
12.30 **MDA** (M)
1.30 **Parliament Question Time: House Of Representatives**
2.30 **WildWatch 2: Backyards** (G)
2.55 **WildWatch 2: Invasions** (G)
3.25 **Bowls: Perth International 2009** Australia v Scotland. Mixed Pairs.

SBS ONE
4.00 **2009 FIFA Confederations Cup** Italy v Brazil
6.40 **2009 FIFA Confederations Cup** Egypt v USA
8.40 **World News** in various languages.
1.00 **Food Lovers' Guide To Australia**
1.30 **World News** in various languages.
2.30 **Dateline**
3.30 **Once A Queen** (G)
4.30 **The Journal**
5.00 **The Crew** (G)
5.30 **Corner Gas** (G)
6.00 **Global Village: The Faceless Ones Of Chiapas** (G)
6.30 **World News Australia**
7.30 **Top Gear Australia** (PG)
8.30 **South Park: Ginger Kids** (M)
9.00 **Flight Of The Conchords** (M)
9.30 **World News Australia**
10.00 **Shameless** (MA) Comedy from UK.
10.55 **2009 FIFA Confederations Cup**
11.25 **Movie: The Hidden Blade** (MA 2004) Drama from Japan. Stars Masatoshi Nagase, Takako Matsu, Yukiyoshi Ozawa.
1.25 **WeatherWatch Overnight**

PRIME
6.00 **Sunrise**
9.00 **The Morning Show** (PG)
11.30 **Seven News**
12.00 **Movie: An American Affair** (M 1997) Stars Corbin Bernsen, Jayne Heitmeyer, Robert Vaughn.
2.00 **All Saints** (M)
3.00 **New Idea TV** (G)
3.30 **Kids' Program**
4.30 **Seven News**
5.00 **M*A*S*H** (G)
5.30 **Deal Or No Deal** (G)
6.00 **Seven and Prime News**
7.00 **Home And Away** (PG)
7.30 **How I Met Your Mother** (PG)
8.00 **Scrubs** (PG)
8.30 **Desperate Housewives** (M)
9.30 **Brothers & Sisters** (M)
10.30 **The Jonathan Ross Show** (M)
11.30 **30 Rock** (PG)
12.00 **The Winner** (PG)
12.30 **Brand Developers**
1.00 **Danoz Direct**
5.30 **Seven Early News**

Prime HD program same as above except: **12.00** Marshall Law (M) **1.40** Harrys Practice (G) **2.00** The Great Outdoors **3.00** Kid's Programs **4.00** New Idea TV ➟ **12.00** Dateline NBC **1.00** The Jonathan Ross Show (M) **2.00** Guthy Renker

TEN
6.00 **Golf: US Open 2009**
9.30 **9am With David And Kim** (PG)
11.00 **Ten News**
12.00 **Dr Phil** (M)
1.00 **Oprah Winfrey Show** (PG)
2.00 **Ready Steady Cook** (PG)
3.00 **Infomercial**
3.30 **Huey's Cooking Adventures** (G)
4.00 **Friends** (G)
4.30 **The Bold & The eautiful** (G)
5.00 **Ten News**
6.00 **The Simpsons** (G) Rpt.
6.30 **Neighbours** (G) Rpt.
7.00 **Masterchef Australia** (PG)
8.00 **Recruits** (PG)
8.30 **Good News Week** (M)
9.40 **Supernatural** (M)
10.40 **Late News With Sports Tonight**
11.25 **Late Show with David Letterman** (PG)
12.10 **Flight Of The Conchords** (PG) Rpt.
12.40 **Video Hits Up Late** (PG)
1.00 **Infomercials** (PG)
4.00 **Religion** to 6am (PG)

NBN
5.30 **Today**
9.00 **Mornings with Kerri-Anne** (PG)
11.00 **Time/Life** (G)
11.30 **Danoz** (G)
12.00 **Ellen Degeneres Show** (PG)
1.00 **The View** (PG)
2.00 **Days of Our Lives** (PG)
3.00 **Alive And Cooking** (G)
3.30 **Kids' Programs**
4.30 **Afternoon News**
5.00 **Antique Roadshow** (G)
5.30 **Hot Seat** (G)
6.00 **Evening News**
7.00 **A Current Affair**
7.30 **Two And A Half Men** (PG)
8.00 **You Save My Life** (PG)
8.30 **Sea Patrol** (M)
8.45 **Lotto**
9.30 **Missing Persons Unit** (PG)
10.30 **Underbelly Uncut** (AV15+)
11.30 **Wimbledon 2009**
4.00 **Seinfeld** (PG)
4.30 **Guthy Renker**
5.30 **Early Morning News**

ABC2
6.00 ABC News **9.00** Business Today **9.30** Asia Pacific News **10.00** Kids' Programs **4.30** Gardening Australia (G)
5.00 **Message Stick** (G) Rpt.
5.30 **Can We Help?** (G) Rpt.
6.00 **Collectors** (G) Rpt.
6.30 **Scrapheap Challenge** (G)
7.15 **Mr Bean** (G)
7.30 **The Royal Today** (PG)
8.00 **Red Dwarf** (PG) Rpt.
8.30 **Good Game**
9.00 **triple j tv With The Doctor**
9.30 **Code Geass** (M)
9.55 **Solidbodies: The 50 Year Guitar War**
10.55 **dig tv presents: The Rolling Stones – Live In Australia 1973**
11.30 **Cowboy Bebop** (M) Rpt.
11.55 **Close**

SBS TWO
5.00am to 6.00pm World News In Various Languages
6.30 **World News**
7.30 **Dateline**
8.30 **112 Emergency** (PG)
9.00 **Movie: Requiem** (M 2005) Drama from Germany. Stars Sandra Huller, Burghart Klaussner, Imogen Kogge, Nicholas Reinke.
10.35 **Movie: Km.0** (M 2000) Stars Concha Velasco, George Corraface.
12.25 **WeatherWatch Overnight**

TUESDAY 23

ABC1
4.30 **Police Rescue** (PG) Rpt.
5.30 **The New Inventors** (G) Rpt.
6.00 **Kids' Programs**
11.00 **Help Me Love My Baby** (PG) Rpt.
12.00 **Midday Report**
12.30 **The Einstein Factor** (G) Rpt.
1.00 **The New Inventors** (G) Rpt.
1.30 **Catalyst** (G) Rpt.
2.00 **Parliament Question Time: House Of Representatives**
3.00 **Kids' Programs**
6.05 **Time Team** (G)
7.00 **ABC News**
7.30 **The 7.30 Report**
8.00 **Foreign Correspondent**
8.30 **Grand Designs** (G)
9.25 **Mumbai Calling** (PG)
10.00 **Artscape: Circus Oz** (M)
10.30 **Lateline and Lateline Business**
11.30 **Four Corners** Rpt.
12.20 **Media Watch** Rpt.
12.35 **Foyle's War** (M)
2.15 **Parliament Question Time: The Senate**
3.25 **triple j tv With The Doctor** (G)

SBS ONE
5.20 **World News** in various languages
7.15 **Weatherwatch**
7.25 **World News** in various languages.
1.00 **Stockinger** (PG) Rpt
1.55 **Don Matteo: Three Shots In The Dark** (PG)
3.00 **Here Comes The Neighbourhood** (G)
3.30 **Help** (PG)
4.00 **The Journal**
4.30 **Newshour With Jim Lehrer**
5.30 **Corner Gas** (G) Comedy.
6.00 **Global Village: Temples Of The Jungle** (G)
6.30 **World News Australia**
7.30 **The Madoff Affair** (PG)
8.30 **Age Of Terror: Terror International** (M)
9.30 **World News**
10.00 **Hot Docs: Spellbound**
11.45 **Movie: Falafel** (M 2006) From France. Stars Elie Mitri, Issam Bou Khaled, Michel Hourani.
1.15 **Trafficked** (M)
2.10 **WeatherWatch Overnight**

PRIME
6.00 **Sunrise**
9.00 **The Morning Show** (PG)
11.30 **Seven News**
12.00 **Movie: Inspector Lynley – In The Blink Of An Eye** (M) Stars Nathaniel Parker, Sharon Small, Catherine Russell, Shaun Parkes.
2.00 **All Saints** (M)
3.00 **New Idea TV** (PG)
3.30 **Kids' Programs**
4.30 **Seven News**
5.00 **M*A*S*H** (G)
5.30 **Deal Or No Deal** (G)
6.00 **Seven and Prime News**
7.00 **Home And Away** (PG)
7.30 **The Zoo** (G)
8.00 **Find My Family** (PG)
8.30 **All Saints** (M)
9.30 **10 Years Younger In 10 Days** (PG)
10.30 **Lipstick Jungle** (M)
11.30 **Cheaters** (M)
12.30 **Brand Developers** (G)
1.00 **Danoz Direct & Guthy Renker**

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TEN
6.00 **Ten Early News**
7.00 **Toasted TV & Kids' Programs**
9.00 **9am With David And Kim** (PG)
11.00 **Ten News**
12.00 **Dr Phil** (M)
1.00 **Oprah Winfrey Show** (PG)
2.00 **Ready Steady Cook** (PG)
3.00 **Infomercial**
3.30 **Huey's Cooking Adventures** (G)
4.00 **Friends** (G)
4.30 **The Bold & The Beautiful** (G)
5.00 **Ten News**
6.00 **The Simpsons** (G) Rpt.
6.30 **Neighbours** (G) Rpt.
7.00 **Masterchef Australia** (PG)
7.30 **Talkin' 'bout your generation** (PG)
8.30 **NCIS** (M)
9.30 **NCIS** (M)
10.30 **Late News With Sports Tonight**
11.15 **Late Show With David Letterman** (PG)
12.00 **How To Look Good Naked** (PG)
12.30 **State Focus**
1.00 **Infomercials** (PG)
4.00 **Religion** to 6am (PG)
Man will never be free until the last king is strangled with the entrails of the last priest. Denis Diderot

NBN
5.30 **Today**
9.00 **Mornings With Kerri-Anne** (PG)
11.00 **Danoz And Guthy Renker** (G)
12.00 **The Ellen Degeneres Show** (PG)
1.00 **The View** (PG)
2.00 **Days Of Our Lives** (PG)
3.00 **Alive And Cooking** (G)
3.30 **Kids' Programs**
4.30 **Afternoon News**
5.00 **Antique Roadshow** (G)
5.30 **Hot Seat** (G)
6.00 **Evening News**
7.00 **A Current Affair**
7.30 **Home Made** (PG)
8.30 **Two And A Half Men** (M)
9.00 **Two And A Half Men** (M)
9.30 **Home Made** (PG)
10.30 **Embarrassing Illnesses** (PG)
11.30 **Wimbledon 2009**
4.00 **Seinfeld** (PG)
4.30 **Guthy Renker**
5.30 **Early Morning News**

ABC2
6.00 **ABC News**
9.00 **Business Today**
9.30 **Asia Pacific News**
10.00 **Kids' Programs**
5.00 **Talking Heads** (G) Rpt.
5.30 **Sun, Sea And Bargain Spotting**
6.30 **Scrapheap Challenge** (G)
7.15 **Mr Bean With Rowan Atkinson** (G)
7.30 **The Royal Today** (G)
8.00 **Australian Story** Rpt.
8.30 **Teachers** (M) Rpt.
9.20 **The Bill** (PG) Rpt.
10.50 **Fireflies** (PG) Rpt.
11.40 **Close**

SBS TWO
5.00am to 6.00pm World News In Various Languages
6.30 **World News**
7.30 **Humanimal** (PG)
8.30 **112 Emergency** (PG)
9.00 **Movie: The Triad Zone** (M 2004) Drama from Hong Kong. Stars Andy Lau, Jackie Cheung.
10.30 **Movie: Joint Security Area** (MAV 2000) Stars Lee Young-ae, Lee Byung-heon.
12.25 **WeatherWatch Overnight**

WEDNESDAY 24

ABC1
4.30 **Police Rescue** (PG) Rpt.
5.30 **The New Inventors** (G) Rpt.
6.00 **Kids' Programs**
11.00 **Animal Pharm** (G)
12.00 **Midday Report**
12.30 **National Press Club Address**
1.30 **Talking Heads** (G) Rpt.
2.00 **Parliament Question Time House Of Representatives**
3.00 **Kids' Programs**
6.00 **Travel Oz** (G)
6.30 **The Cook and the Chef** (G)
7.00 **ABC News**
7.30 **The 7.30 Report**
8.00 **The New Inventors** (G)
8.30 **Spicks And Specks** (PG)
9.00 **The Chaser's War On Everything**
9.35 **Moving Wallpaper** (M)
10.00 **At the Movies**
10.30 **Lateline And Lateline Business**
11.40 **Dalziel And Pascoe** (M)
12.25 **Parliament Question Time The Senate**
1.25 **The Kumars At No. 42** (PG)
1.55 **Movie: She Couldn't Say No** (G 1954) Stars Robert Mitchum, Jean Simmons, Arthur Hunnicutt, Edgar Buchanan, Wallace Ford.
3.25 **National Press Club Address**

SBS ONE
5.20 **World News** in various languages.
7.15 **Weatherwatch**
7.25 **World News** in various languages.
1.00 **Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2008**
3.20 **Going Bush** (G)
4.00 **The Journal**
4.30 **Newshour with Jim Lehrer**
5.30 **Corner Gas** (G)
6.00 **Global Village: The British Isles To The West** (G)
6.30 **World News Australia**
7.30 **Food Investigators**
8.00 **Love's Harvest: Eggs** (PG)
8.30 **Cracking The Colour Code** (G)
9.30 **World News Australia**
10.00 **Film: Willenbrock (**MA 2005) Drama from Germany. Stars Axel Prahl, Inka Friedrich, Dagmar Manzel.
11.55 **Movie: Woman Is A Tough Person** (M 2005) Comedy from Greece. Stars Antonis Kafetzopoulos, Faye Kokkinopoulou.
1.40 **Weatherwatch**

PRIME
6.00 **Sunrise**
9.00 **The Morning Show** (PG)
11.30 **Seven News**
12.00 **Movie: Master Spy – The Robert Hanssen Story pt1** (M) Stars William Hurt, Ron Silver, Ossie Davis, Marie Louis-Parker.
2.00 **All Saints** (M)
3.00 **New Idea TV**
3.30 **Kids' Programs**
4.30 **Seven and Prime News**
5.00 **M*A*S*H** (G)
5.30 **Deal Or No Deal** (G)
6.00 **Seven and Prime News**
7.00 **Home And Away** (PG)
7.30 **Ghost Whisperer** (PG)
8.30 **Criminal Minds** (M)
9.30 **My Name Is Earl** (PG)
10.00 **How I Met Your Mother** (M)
10.30 **Family Guy** (M)
11.00 **Prison Break** (M)
12.00 **Saved** (M)
1.00 **Guthy Renker & Danoz**
5.30 **Seven Early News**

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TEN
6.00 **Ten Early News**
7.00 **Toasted TV & Kids' Programs**
9.00 **9am With David And Kim** (PG)
11.00 **Ten News**
12.00 **Dr Phil** (PG)
1.00 **Oprah Winfrey Show** (PG) Rpt.
2.00 **Ready Steady Cook** (PG) Rpt.
3.00 **Infomercial**
3.30 **Huey's Cooking Adventures** (PG)
4.00 **Friends** (G)
4.30 **The Bold & The Beautiful** (G)
5.00 **Ten News**
6.00 **The Simpsons** (PG)
6.30 **Neighbours** (G)
7.00 **Masterchef Australia** (PG)
8.30 **Law & Order: S.V.U.** (M)
9.30 **Law & Order: S.V.U.** (M)
10.30 **Ten News With Sports Tonight**
11.15 **Late Show With David Letterman** (PG)
12.00 **The Cooks** (M)
1.00 **Infomercials**
4.00 **Religion** to 6am (PG)
I believe in God, only I spell it Nature. Frank Lloyd Wright

NBN
5.30 **Today**
9.00 **Mornings With Kerri-Anne** (PG)
11.00 **Danoz and Bio-Magnetics** (G)
12.00 **Ellen Degeneres Show** (PG)
1.00 **The View** (PG) talk show.
2.00 **Days Of Our Lives** (PG)
3.00 **Alive And Cooking** (G)
3.30 **Kids' Programs**
4.30 **NBN News**
5.00 **Antiques Roadshow** (G).
5.30 **Hot Seat** (G)
6.00 **NBN News**
7.00 **A Current Affair**
7.30 **State Of Origin** NSW v QLD. Rugby live from Sydney.
8.45 **Lotto**
10.15 **Wimbledon 2009 Tennis**
4.00 **Seinfeld** (PG)
1.30 **Guthy Renker And Danoz**
3.30 **Good Morning America**
5.00 **Early Morning News**

ABC2
6.00 **ABC News Breakfast**
9.00 **Business Today**
9.30 **Asia Pacific News**
10.00 **Kids' Programs**
4.30 **The Cook And The Chef Moments** (G)
4.45 **Animal Cops** (G)
5.35 **Time Team** (G)
6.30 **Scrapheap Challenge** (G)
7.15 **Mr Bean** (G)
7.30 **The Royal Today**
8.00 **Ben's Zoo** (PG)
8.30 **Don't Tell My Mother That I Am In Congo**
9.30 **Larry Flynt: The Right To Be Left Alone** (MA)
10.25 **Bomb Harvest** (M)
11.20 **Tow In The Top End** (PG)
11.45 **Close**

SBS TWO
5.00am to 6.00pm World News In Various Languages
6.30 **World News**
7.30 **Captive In Gaza** (PG)
8.30 **112 Emergency** (PG)
9.00 **Movie: Hawaii, Oslo** (M 2004) Drama from Norway. Stars Trond Espen Seim, Aksel Hennie.
11.10 **Movie: Adam's Apple** (MAV 2005) Stars Ulrich Thomsen, Mads Mikkelsen, Nicolas Bro, Paprika Steen.
12.45 **WeatherWatch Overnight**

THURSDAY 25

ABC1
4.30 **Police Rescue (**PG) Rpt.
5.30 **The New Inventors** (G) Rpt.
6.00 **Kids' Programs**
11.05 **Toulouse Lautrec: The Full Story** (PG)
12.00 **Midday Report**
12.30 **Family Footsteps** (G) Rpt.
1.30 **Collectors** (G) Rpt.
2.00 **Parliament Question Time The Senate**.
3.00 **Kids' Programs**
6.05 **Dan Cruickshank's Adventures In Architecture**
7.00 **ABC News**
7.30 **The 7.30 Report**
8.00 **Catalyst**
8.30 **The Ascent Of Money** (G)
9.25 **Back Home**
10.20 **Lateline And Lateline Business**
11.25 **Live At The Basement: Guy Sebastian** (G)
12.10 **Wildside** (M)
1.05 **Parliament Question Time House Of Representatives**
2.10 **Beyond The Backyard** (PG)
3.20 **The Lion Man: Show Biz** (G)
3.55 **The Glass House** (M)

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SBS ONE
6.30 **World News** in various languages.
7.20 **Weatherwatch**
7.25 **World News** in various languages.
1.00 **TV Around The World: Serbia** (G)
1.30 **World News** in various languages.
2.30 **Dateline**
3.30 **My Generation** (G)
4.00 **The Journal**
4.30 **Newshour With Jim Lehrer**
5.30 **FIFA Futball Mundial**
6.00 **Global Village: Abruzzo** (G)
6.30 **World News Australia**
7.35 **Inspector Rex** (PG) Austria Rpt.
8.30 **Mad Men** (M)
9.30 **World News Australia**
10.00 **Movie: Exit** (MA 2006) Thriller from Sweden. Stars Mads Mikkelsen, Alexander Skarsgard, Samuel Froier.
11.50 **FIFA Confederations Cup 2009**
12.20 **Oz** (MAV)
1.25 **Weatherwatch**

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PRIME
6.00 Sunrise **9.00** The Morning Show (PG) **11.30** Seven News **12.00** Movie: Master Spy – The Robert Hanssen Story pt2 (M)
2.00 **All Saints** (M)
3.00 **New Idea TV**
3.30 **All For Kids**
4.00 **Go Go Stop**
4.30 **Seven and Prime News**
5.00 **M*A*S*H** (G)
5.30 **Deal Or No Deal** (G) games show.
6.00 **Seven and Prime News**
7.00 **Home And Away** (PG)
7.30 **Thank God You're Here** (PG)
8.30 **Grey's Anatomy** (M)
9.30 **Private Practice** (M)
10.30 **Heroes** (M)
11.30 **King Of The Hill** (PG)
12.00 **Hot Auctions** (PG)
12.30 **Brand Developers** (G)
1.30 **Danoz & Guthy-Renker**
5.30 **Seven Early News**

Prime HD program same as above except: **12.00** Marshall Law (M) **1.40** Harrys Practice (G) **2.00** The Great Outdoors (PG) **3.00** Kid's Programs **4.00** New Idea TV ➟ **12.30** Movie: In

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TEN
6.00 **Ten Early News**
7.00 **Toasted TV & Kids' Programs**
9.00 **9am With David And Kim** (PG)
11.00 **Ten News**
12.00 **Dr Phil** (PG)
1.00 **Oprah Winfrey Show** (PG) Rpt.
2.00 **Ready Steady Cook** (PG) Rpt.
3.00 **Infomercial**
3.30 **Huey's Cooking Adventures** (G)
4.00 **Friends** (G)
4.30 **The Bold & The Beautiful** (G)
5.00 **Ten News**
6.00 **The Simpsons** (G) Rpt
6.30 **Neighbours** (G)
7.00 **Masterchef Australia** (PG)
7.30 **Rules Of Engagement** (PG)
8.00 **Rules Of Engagement** (PG)
8.30 **Law & Order: Criminal Intent** (M)
9.30 **Medium** (M)
10.30 **Ten News With Sports Tonight**
11.15 **Late Show With David Letterman** (PG)
12.00 **In Plain Sight** (M)
1.00 **Infomercials** (PG)
4.00 **Religion** to 6am.

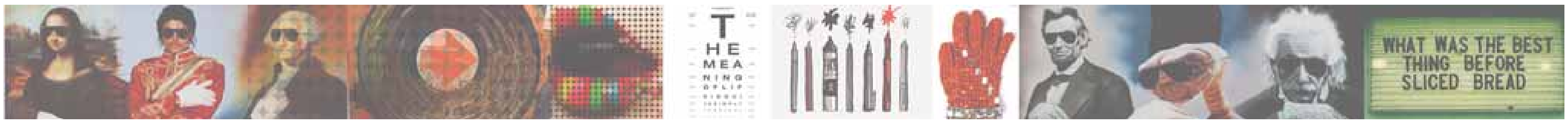
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NBN
5.30 **Today**
9.00 **Mornings With Kerri-Anne** (PG)
11.00 **Danoz and Guthy Renker** (G)
12.00 **Ellen Degeneres Show** (PG)
1.00 **The View** (PG) talk show.
2.00 **Days Of Our Lives** (PG)
3.00 **Alive And Cooking** (G)
3.30 **Kids' Programs**
4.30 **NBN News**
5.00 **Antiques Roadshow**
5.30 **Hot Seat** (G)
6.00 **NBN News**
7.00 **A Current Affair**
7.30 **Getaway** (PG)
8.30 **TBA** (M)
11.00 **Wimbledon 2009 Tennis**
4.00 **Seinfeld** (PG)
1.30 **Guthy Renker And Danoz**
3.30 **Good Morning America**
5.00 **Early Morning News**

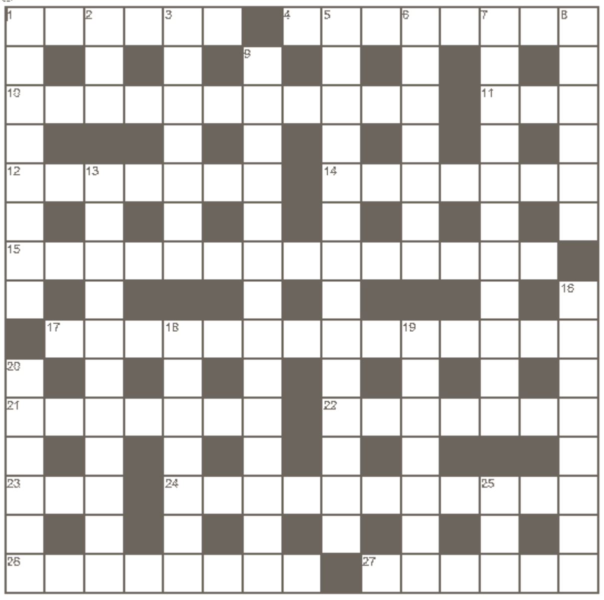
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ABC2
6.00 **ABC News Breakfast**
9.00 **Business Today**
9.30 **Asia Pacific News**
10.00 **Kids' Programs**
4.30 **The Einstein Factor** (G)
5.00 **The Cook and the Chef** (G)
5.30 **ABC Fora**
6.30 **Scrapheap Challenge** (G)
7.15 **Mr Bean** (G)
7.30 **The Royal Today**
8.00 **Spicks And Specks** (PG)
8.30 **The Chaser's War On Everything**
9.00 **Moving Wallpaper** (M)
9.25 **Beautiful People** (M)
10.00 **Peep Show** (M)
10.25 **The Thick Of It** (M)
11.00 **The Librarians**(M)
11.30 **Double The Fist** (M)
11.50 **Close**

SBS TWO
5.00am to 6.00pm World News In Various Languages
6.30 **World News**
7.35 **As It Happened: The Jewish People – A Story Of Survival**
8.35 **112 Emergency** (PG)
9.05 **Movie: The Tiger Brigades** (M 2006) Action from France. Stars Clovis Cornillac, Diane Kruger, Edouard Baer.
11.15 **Movie: Clash Of Egos** (M 2006) Comedy from Denmark. Stars Ulrich Thomsen, Nikolaj Lie Kaas, Mille Dinesen.
12.50 **WeatherWatch Overnight**



Mungo's Crossword



Quick Clues

ACROSS
1. Loin cloth (3-3)
4. Wagnerian opera (8)
10. Specially favoured school pupil (8,3)
11. Ship's diary (3
12. At the present, at this moment (4,3)
14. Live in, occupy (7)
15. Indoor flowering plants, Saintpaulia ionantha (7,7)
17. Outdoor summer flowering plants, Blandfordia (9,5)
21. Follower, disciple (7)
22. Dead end, stalemate (7)
23. Style of Japanese theatre (3)
24. One who joins a workers' association (5,6)
26. Wizard, magician (8)
27. Piece of land surrounded by water (6)

DOWN
1. Member of a strict Protestant sect (8)
2. Seed vegetable (3)
3. Mute, usually through injury or illness (7)
5. Enlargements, increase, especially of sound (14)
6. Bag, formerly made of leather (7)
7. Those who are very well informed on a subject (slang) (4,7)
8. Herald, ambassador (6)
9. Calling a halt, setting a limit (7,3,4)
13. Tutelary goddess and creator of the planet; Gaia (5,6)
16. Having lugs like a donkey; the fate of King Midas (3-5)
18. Break in, interrupt (7)
19. Jazz dancers (7)
20. Swoons, passes out (6)
25. Stole or neck scarf (3)

Cryptic Clues

ACROSS
1. Mate doubles back to get Papuan gear… (3-3)
4. …and friend about right, providing French (French!) holy fool for Wagner (8)
10. Moving speech – treat for favourite pupil (8,3)
11. Record the first king of the frogs – the one before Stork (3)
12. Right at this moment, level is gained back! (4,3)
14. Reside in popular nun's oufit (7)
15. Lift Vinca Rosea, replace with other flowers… (7,7)
17. …while Brahms cellists play for still more (9,5)
21. James, perhaps, has a drink on the job (7)
22. Setter admits being out of date – there's no way out (7)
23. Japanese theatre lacks aspirate (3)
24. Wife, husband or just a worker? (5,6)
26. Angrier about Australia's ties with New Zealand – that's wizard! (8)
27. Is light cut off from its neighbours? (6)

DOWN
1. Stringed instrument, covering high, moved quickly – like Joh Bjelke-Petersen? (8)
2. Chosen pulse (3)
3. Upwardly mobile American spies cover Japanese theatre quietly; soundlessly, actually, because of injury (7)
5. Enlargements of insurance giant with 51 lies about a single article (14)
6. Old bag presided over a revolutionary, left (7)
7. Drunken preserves, but they are definitely in the picture (4,7)
8. Herald's support consumed (6)
9. Sketching the equator, maybe, and setting limits (7,3,7)
13. Soil dam – let's call it "Gaia" (5,6)
16. Like burned, like Bottom (3-5)
18. Arrive uninvited, perform untried (7)
19. Fighters, or just jive dancers? (7)
20. Swoons over French crushed satin (6)
25. Peep at a snake (3)

Mungo's Crossword first published in *The Week*.

Last week's solution

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STARS



Jupiter retrograding in Aquarius for the next few months brings an astrological phase of drawing in and reevaluating the way we spend our time, energy and money. Which is what this week's Mercury in Gemini will be talking about – a lot


Gemini Birthday Stars

ARIES: This is a time when you can make tremendous progress if you're open to what's on offer, and there's plenty. Listen to everything: news, views and other people's input. Thoughtfulness scores major brownie points this week – wild child tempestuousness won't.

TAURUS: Retrograde Jupiter makes the next few months better suited to consolidation than expansion. So while you're monitoring the financial scene and checking the beat on the street, it's in your interests to revive that passion you've let lapse or friendship in need of an energy injection.

GEMINI: A substantial offer's possible right now, and though one Twin urges go for it, wise Geminis will also heed their inner Twin's advice. This week your smarts, style, sass and social savvy are pumping – but put diplomatic Twin in charge of communications.

CANCER: Moods are like clouds, they pass. If this week's destabilizing influences have you In One Of Your Moods, before you drive your supporters away find something to celebrate (anything will do) with those who strengthen your sense of belonging and can tease out your playfulness.

LEO: This week's jungle could test your charismatic majesties' ability to gracefully handle resentments or projections aimed at you. Refusing to react will demonstrate your mature leadership (think alpha-Leo Barak Obama), and with the application of enough charm could even turn opposition into willing cooperation.

VIRGO: Mercury retro's over but this week Murphy's retrograde, with people tending to exaggerate or overestimate what they're offering. So don't rely too much on promises – double check all information and arrangements. Spend time with smart, charming, light hearted people as opposed to gloom and doomsters.

LIBRA: It's sacrilege I know, but this isn't the week for retail therapy. Cheer yourself up by remembering everything's temporary, phoning a friend and refusing to let existence lose its lustre. If plans need to be scaled down, you can make less look like an aesthetic choice.

SCORPIO: Someone new could act as an agent of change this week, but that's a good thing if you're able to see conflicting opinions as stimulating and different viewpoints as having their place in the social gestalt. Mars and Venus dirty dancing are dynamite, but don't get over possessive.

SAGITTARIUS: TLC's vitally important right now, both for yourself and towards others, so treat yourself like a thoroughbred. Your ruling planet Jupiter in winter recess challenges you to establish a balance between hasty moves and intelligent commitment, enthusiastic participation and being, well... a bit obsessive.

CAPRICORN: With communication oiling this week's progress ambitious Capricorns will make themselves available to mix, mingle, circulate, cruise and schmooze. Though when you are indulging in the odd quiet moment, certain behaviour could benefit from some critical examination – you know which it is.

AQUARIUS: Aquarius is the sign of acute insight but even you brilliant intuitives sometimes miss the mark. Take nothing for granted this week – other peoples' attractive or persuasive agendas aren't necessarily in your best interests, so examine all incoming information, facts, contracts and group agreements.

PISCES: Trouble in paradise? Along with the usual good, bad and inevitable this week looks like delivering an unexpected windfall, encouraging news, memorable moments and/or creative inspirations that take you places you might not otherwise have gone. And you're likely to find twosomes more rewarding than groups.

CHESS by Ian Rogers

Play at Seagulls Club, Thurs 6-10pm


Grandmaster-elect David Smerdon cleared the final hurdle to the title in the NSW Open last week.

David Smerdon has become the fourth Australian in history to earn the Grandmaster title.

Although Smerdon had secured the three world class performances required to earn the title almost two years ago, he had been unable to push his world ranking above the level required for the title to be confirmed.

In 2008 Smerdon left the professional chess circuit and took a job with Treasury in Canberra, where it was feared he would find the twin demands of work and chess study impossible to reconcile.

A lean 2008 seemed to confirm those fears, but Smerdon's win of the powerful Queenstown Open in January gave new hope that the 24-year-old may not have lost his mojo.

Sure enough, he performed solidly in the 2009 Doeberl Cup, finishing half a point behind the winners, moving up closer to the required ranking.

Then, last weekend, a convincing victory in the NSW Open in Parramatta finally secured him the Grandmaster title.

Smerdon has been tipped for greatness since he was a ten year old in Brisbane who came to the attention of IM Stephen Solomon. Solomon offered the youngster some endgame training and Smerdon's natural flair and fighting spirit did the rest.

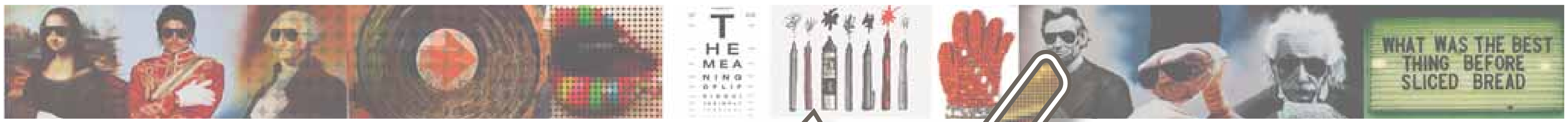
Smerdon became an International Master at 14, a record broken a year later by his friend and rival Zhao Zong Yuan.

A year later Smerdon was undefeated in the World U/16 Championships in Spain in 2000 and then, acting as both player and coach, he took his high school, Anglican Church Grammar, to the New York final of the World Schools Championships.

Smerdon's next breakthrough came with his first Grandmaster result at the 2005/6 Australian Championships in his home town, ahead of the three invited foreign Grandmasters, and the rest is history.

The following game, played in the fifth round of the NSW Open against the 2003/4 Australian Champion Gary Lane, pushed Smerdon above the world ranking required for his Grandmaster title to be confirmed by the world body FIDE.

NSW Open 2009
White: D Smerdon
Black: G Lane
Opening: Max Lange Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d4!? Bxd4
5...exd4 is quite playable but has lost popularity over the last 150 years.
6.Nxd4 Nxd4 7.f4 d6 8.fxe5 dxe5 9.Bg5 Qe7!?
9...Be6 is the main line.
10.Na3 Ne6 11.Bxf6 gxf6 12.Qf3 Bd7 13.c3 0-0-0?!
Once queens are exchanged, Black's king would rather be near the centre. 13...Ng5 14.Qe3 b6 leaves Black with fair survival chances.
14.Qxf6 Qxf6 15.Rxf6 Ng5 16.Re1 Bc6?
A serious miscalculation. During the game, Smerdon could not break down 16...Rhg8! because after 17.h4 Nh3+ 18.Kh2 Nf4, 19.g3? allows 19...Rxg3!!.
17.h4! Nxe4 18.Rxc6! bxc6 19.Rxe4 Rd2?!
19...f6 was the last chance, although after 20.Be6+ Kb7 21.Rb4+ Ka8 22.Nc4, White's pieces dominate the board.
20.Bxf7 Rxb2 21.Nc4 Rc2 22.Nxe5 Rxc3 23.Be6+ Kb7 24.Rb4+ Ka8 25.Nxc6! Rc5 26.Bg4! a5 27.Rb1 1-0

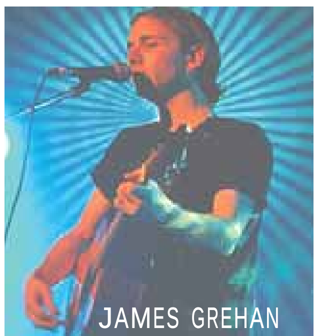


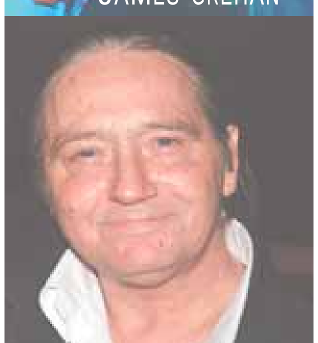
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GCMIA Industry Night

The revitalised **Gold Coast Music Industry Association** (GCMIA) is holding its annual industry networking night on **Saturday June 20**. The night will also highlight some of the Gold Coast's best musicians with performances from Ryan Murphy and Mayan Fox. GCMIA President Josie Cooper says 'With such an enormous talent pool on the Gold Coast we look forward to holding annual networking events to provide a common link and co-ordinate the efforts of those working in the music industry on the Gold Coast.' The event will give those attending a chance to not only meet with industry representatives such as Q Music and APRA but also local print media including music street presses and news organisations.

'The main aim of GCMIA is to support the growth and development of the Gold Coast music industry,' says Ms Cooper, 'and to promote and raise the profile of artists and the music scene and ultimately to create a self sustaining industry here on the Gold Coast.' For those involved in the local music scene, wishing to attend the evening and receive a free Bandtag compilation card, RSVPs are being accepted up until **Friday June 19** by emailing GCMIA on information@gcmia.org.au

Seagulls on Broadway goes to Scotland

You cannae go past this wee offering of the best and brightest from the land of the Scots! Enjoy a highland fling with over twenty performers including the Highland Fling dancers, the Gold Coast Tweed Pipes and Drums Band, one of the best piano accordionists in the world, John MacDonald, and comedian Al Showman. **Saturday June 20**, 8pm at **Seagulls**.

LIVE MUSIC

British India

One of Australia's biggest indie rock bands, and 2008 ARIA nominees **British India** are hitting the road in June before retiring to the studio to work on their next album which is due for release in early 2010. British India exploded onto the Australian pop scene in July 2007 with their debut album *Guillotine* and followed just twelve months later with their second album *Thieves*. *Guillotine* picked up the gong for 'Best independent release' at the 2007 AIRA Awards. Supported by the Blood Poets and the Super Villians. **Friday June 19**, 8pm **Coolangatta Hotel**.

Afro Moses

When you go to see **Afro Moses** doing his thing you can expect passion, colour, energy, powerful messages, dancing and a sense that you've just witnessed something deeply special. Born in Ghana, Afro Moses hit the charts as a teenager and was labelled 'The African James Brown'. Later, he was taken to Denmark and had the Danes lapping up his infectious music. From there, he started touring the world and has stunned audiences right across the globe. He has shared the stage with some incredible artists such as Ziggy Marley and Youssou NDour. Afro Moses is a singer, composer, multi-instrumentalist and teacher of music. He is a natural performer whose star quality shines and pulls audiences in like a magnet. Joined on stage with his dynamic group Moses OJah (meaning Moses fire) you can expect a high-energy show that will leave you wanting more. Every musician onstage is unique and comes from a different background. **Soundlounge, Currumbin RSL** 8pm, **Friday June 19.**

Preston Train

Preston Train perform their brand of funk and blues with some classic rock tunes thrown in at **Salt** this **Friday**. The Train interpret tunes from the likes of the Red Hot Chilli Peppers, Skunkhour, The Bondi Cigars, Tim Buckley, 10CCC, through to artists like Ben Harper, Donovan Frankenreiter and the Cruel Sea. They also perform a few originals of their own. **Salt Bar** on **Friday June 19**.

Andrew Baxter

Founding guitarist/singer with Blind Lemon and guitarist with Mason Rack, **Andrew Baxter** has a huge repertoire, including blues standards, classic rock and modern hits. **Cabarita Beach Sports Club, Bogangar** 8pm this **Friday June 19**.

Unplugged in the Basement – James Grehan

Gold Coast artist and former Epic frontman **James Grehan** will launch his CD at **Unplugged in the Basement** this **Thursday June 18**. Having supported Mark Seymour of Hunters and Collectors and Brisbane singer/songwriter Bernard Fanning, it easy to see why James' live performances are in such demand. Support act is Jac Stone. Tickets: $10, sold at door. Doors, food and bar open at 7:30pm with DVDs screening. Bands start at 8.15pm. **Gold Coast Arts Centre** 7.30pm.

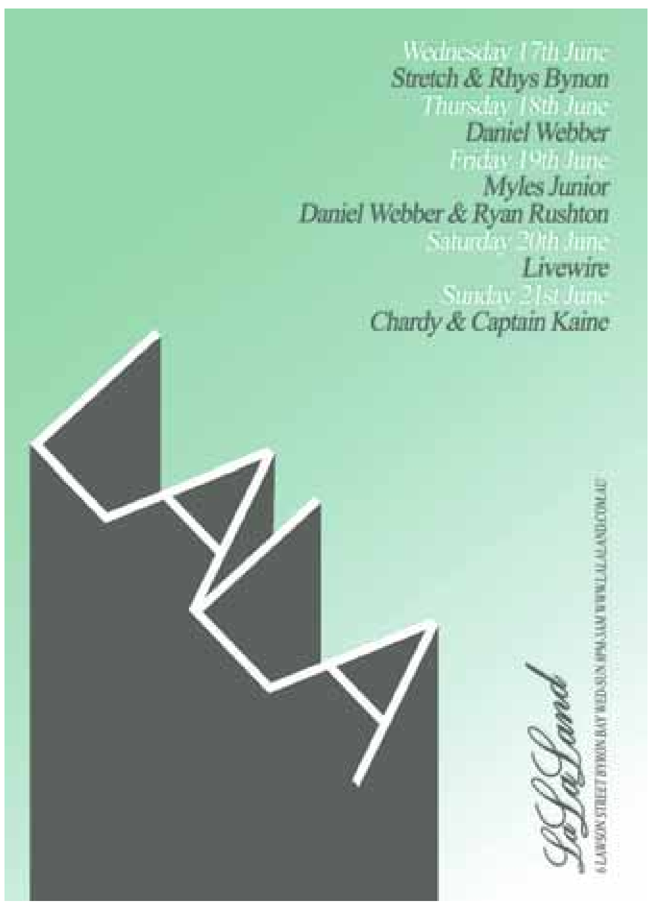
Stevie Wright – The Godfather of Rock

So what really happened to **'Little' Stevie Wright**, the enigmatic front man for arguably Australia's greatest rock band of the 60's, The Easybeats? Join Stevie for a good old-fashioned night out in comfy theatre surroundings as you take this remarkable journey from fame and fortune, to hell, horror and finally happiness. Illustrated with old footage and photos, it's an opportunity to spend a little personal time with Australia's own 'Godfather of Rock'. Adults $39, concession ansd Friends of the GCAC $36. Phone box office on 5588 4000. **Gold Coast Arts Centre** 8pm, **Wednesday June 24**.


AFRO MOSES AT THE SOUNDLOUNGE FRIDAY









Divine Divas

What's more amazing than the ARIAS and has a larger line-up of stars than the Logies? It's **Divine Divas**! Experience the glam, glitz, mime, and humour with a spectacular cast of divas and dancers, from the world's greatest female impersonators, Divine Divas impersonate the looks, style and moves of Cher, Pink, Beyonce, Barbara Streisand, Dolly Parton, Liza Minnelli, Janet Jackson, Kylie Minogue, Madonna, Celine Dion, Gwen Stefani, Diana Ross and many more. This high energy Las Vegas show will amaze. **Twin Towns Services Club, Friday June 19** and **Saturday June 20**. Tickets $38.

Max is back

Max Judo return to their local stomping ground for their first local show since their recent successful tour of the US. The US tour saw the band play colleges throughout seven states – Minnesota, Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri, Illinois, Wisconsin and California. They also played the ever popular 'House Of Blues' in West Hollywood for the 2009 MUSEXPO Australian reception. The response from the tour has been nothing but positive according to Max Judo, who are now featuring on 140+ college radio stations nation-wide with several top twenty debuts in New York and Chicago. The band head back to the States in September, but will play **The Beach Bar Cabarita Beach Hotel, Friday June 26**.

Wendy Matthews

Wendy's latest album is *She*. The long-awaited album showcases favourite songs by women who have inspired Wendy over the years – songs that have made the singer, women who have made the woman. **Friday June 26 Cabarita Beach Sports Club, Bogangar**.

Troy Cassar Daley – I Love This Place Tour

Troy Cassar-Daley is probably best known in Australia as the most likeable bloke in country music – he is also one of Australia's most awarded and respected singer/songwriters. Hot on the heels of his Gold Certified *Born To Survive*, which is a Best of CD and Platinum DVD Collection, Troy brings his Australian tour **I Love This Place** to **Seagulls. Saturday June 27**.

'No name' muso reveals all

Unknown musician, **Johnnie Mac** from Uki rocketed to number one on Triple J's Unearthed charts last month, plus got two other songs in the top ten without playing a single gig. He also had no money, no record deal, and no manager. He is going to reveal how he did it at a Gold Coast 3 day workshop next month.

His over-night success has resulted in a flurry of CD sales and media acclaim.

Johnnie's secret is he and his independent record company Alchemy Music Australia use innovative online marketing techniques to explode their fan base.

Alchemy Music Australia managing director Mikey Bowers said while most musicians were using websites and MySpace pages, they were only tapping into a minute percentage of the internet's capacity to sky-rocket their profile.

'We've pioneered an easy step by step system called RISE or Rockstar Internet Secrets Exposed that's basically a digital "fan club" for the new millennium,' Mikey said. 'It not only attracts fans from around the globe, but it also gives the artist a way to immediately contact and communicate with them. So you can build a massive fan base in a fraction of the time it takes with traditional gigging and sending hundreds of CDs to radio stations hoping to get airplay.'

The Rockstar Internet Secrets Exposed 3-day workshop will be staged on **Friday July 3, Saturday July 4 and Sunday July 5** at **Quality Hotel**, corner Makeri Road and Sunshine Boulevard, **Mermaid Waters**. Special guest speakers include Robbie Buck from Triple J radio. For more information visit www.rockstarsecretsexposed.com/?page_id=11

comedy

Comedy in the Basement – Fred Lang

Plucked from the obscurity of butchery and thrust into the comedy limelight several years ago, **Fred Lang** hasn't looked back. His trade background and family heritage (German/Hungarian) provide him with all the ingredients for the perfect comedy act. A regular escapee, laughter maker and heartbreaker, Fred has appeared on the Comedy Channel, SBS and TV1. Entertaining both on and off screen, Fred has also appeared on Triple J, 2BL and Radio National and Triple M Sydney. Support by Hooray For Everything, and MC is Mike Van Acker. Tickets only available from the Gold Coast Arts Centre box office on (07) 5588 4000 or at the door on the night. **Gold Coast Arts Centre** 8pm **Friday June 19.**

theatre /dance

Transitions Physical Theatre

The newly formed **Transitions Physical Theatre** will be presenting its premiere season of new bold and exciting dance theatre works choreographed and performed by four independent artists. Local artists Diane Wilder and Suzie Cardiff have collaborated to produce a short season of dance theatre works entitled 'Transitions' with independent artists Sue Boardman and Kalia Lees.

'Transitions' has attracted a seed funding grant from Tweed Shire Council, and is performed in a series of acts, delving into a myriad of theatre genres including contemporary dance, movement theatre, and comedy with an intertwining theme of multiple transitions. Bookings 6679 7273. Transitions Physical Theatre will be performing at the **Stokers Siding Hall, Friday June 19 and Saturday June 20** 8.30pm. Tickets $12 and $8. Bookings 6679 7273.

Murwillumbah Festival of Performing Arts

June 26 – July 22

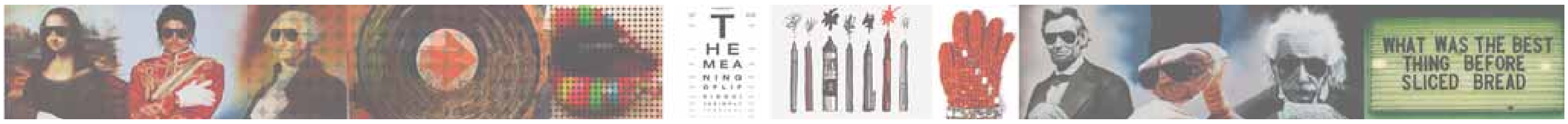
A wonderful range of performances in speech, drama, music and dance of over 5,000 young people will be presented and judged in a competition at the **Murwillumbah Civic Centre June 26 to July 22**. For a small ticket price you can drop in to see some of tomorrow's stars of Broadway. For entry details contact Arthur Holmes, festival director, on 02 6672 1563.


BRITISH INDIA FRIDAY JUNE 19 8.00PM COOLANGATTA HOTEL


COMEDIAN FRED LANG AT GOLD COAST ARTS CENTRE 8PM FRIDAY JUNE 19


EXQUISITE BEAST EXHIBITION AT RETROSPECT GALLERIES, BYRON BAY JUNE 19, UNTIL JULY 9.


PRESTON TRAIN AT SALT ON FRIDAY JUNE 19



Burn the Floor

Years before 'Dancing with the Stars' and 'So You Think You Can Dance' turned ballroom dancing into must-see TV, one sizzling show was setting stages ablaze around the globe. The electrifying **Burn the Floor** is a latin and ballroom dance spectacular that has thrilled audiences in more than thirty countries worldwide. Burn the Floor's troupe of sixteen award-winning dancers, two percussionists and two vocalists hail from around the globe and include World Latin American and Australian Champions. The dancers move to the vision of artistic director and choreographer Jason Gilkison whose work recently thrilled audiences on 'So You Think You Can Dance– Australia and America'. This is ballroom dance with a sexy 21st century edge. **Gold Coast Arts Centre, Thursday to Saturday**, daily. See http://burnthefloor.com for more details.

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Tweed River Art Gallery Exhibitions

Face to Face: Portraiture in the Digital Age. A national touring exhibition that explores new expressions of portraiture in a digital age.
Artexpress consists of a number of artworks selected by the markers of visual arts practical works during the HSC Visual Arts examinations. **June 25 until August 9.**
Three Views: Nudge Blacklock, Madeline Hodge and Casey Lee – featuring the works of three selected Aboriginal artists, **June 25 - 9 August 9**.
Tweed River Art Gallery, 2 Mistral Road, Murwillumbah
Gallery hours: Wednesday to Sunday 10am to 5pm.

Top trio for gallery

European-based classical music trio, the **New Holland Trio**, will perform at the **Tweed River Art Gallery** on **Sunday, June 28**, from 6.30pm in a special presentation by the Tyalgum Festival Committee and Friends of the Tweed River Art Gallery. The concert has been supported with funding from the Tweed Shire Council under the Cultural Seed Program. The trio consists of Australian pianist Jayson Gillham and Dutch musicians Adriane Tilanus (violin) and Jurrian van der Zanden (cello).
As post-graduate students in London and as residents of Goodenough College, they began to play together in mid-2007. Since then they have performed in several London venues, including St James' Piccadilly, and are fulfilling several concert engagements in Holland and Australia this year. The program includes commissioned work by Dutch composer, Fant de Kanter; Shostakovich Piano Trio No 2 in E minor Op 67 and Tchaikovsky's Piano Trio in A minor Op 50. Tickets are $32 for adults, and $27 Friends of the Tyalgum Festival or Tweed River Art Gallery. Bookings and inquiries to Alexsandra Wilkinson 02 6679 2244 or email info@tyalgum-festival.com.au

The Exquisite Beast

Following local artist **Laura Skerlj's** sell-out success at last year's 12x12 exhibition, **Retrospect Galleries** is proud to present her debut solo show, 'The Exquisite Beast', exploring the synchronous kinship and battle between animals, humans and nature.
Retrospect Galleries' owner Bree Delian says that since she first exhibited Skerlj's work last December, the response has been consistent and amazing. 'For a young artist straight out of Uni, she has an incredibly original vision, that is what makes me so excited to put on this solo show. It's a perfect show for midwinter, as Laura delves deep into the feminine subconscious and has produced a body of work that is unexpected, exciting and also connects directly with a contemporary audience.' The exhibition opens at **Retrospect Galleries, Byron Bay** at 6pm on **Friday June 19, until July 9**. For more information contact Retrospect Galleries on 6680 8825 or www.retrospect-galleries.com.

Manfred von Steiner

World class artist **Manfred von Steiner** is presenting his works at **Total Art Concepts** this week: Shop 14/60 Marine Pde, Kingscliff. Ph: 02 6674 5201.

Expressions of Joy

A colourful exhibition of florals and landscapes by **Joy Hobbs** is currently on display at **Escape Gallery**. Nature provides her inspiration for her impressionistic style and she endeavours to convey her feelings about a subject through light and colour while adding a little fantasy and imagination. The Australian landscape provides an endless array of contrasting subjects. She loves to paint flowers and marvels at the beauty of the many wonderful subjects and the different shapes and colours they provide as the seasons change. 'Hopefully, my love of painting and the pleasure I feel as I paint shows in my work and can be shared by those who view my exhibition.' Escape Gallery, 1 Brisbane Street, Murwillumbah, Ph: (02) 6672 2433. **June 14 – July 22.**

coming soon

Troy Cassar-Daley
I Love This Place Tour,
Seagulls Club,
June 27

Transitions Physical Theatre,
Stokers Siding Hall,
Friday & Saturday June 19, 20

The Fumes & The Protectors & Claude Hay
Soundlounge, Currumbin RSL
June 26 8pm

Cog
Coolangatta Hotel,
Saturday June 27

Murwillumbah Festival of Performing Arts,
Murwillumbah Civic Centre,
June 26-July 22

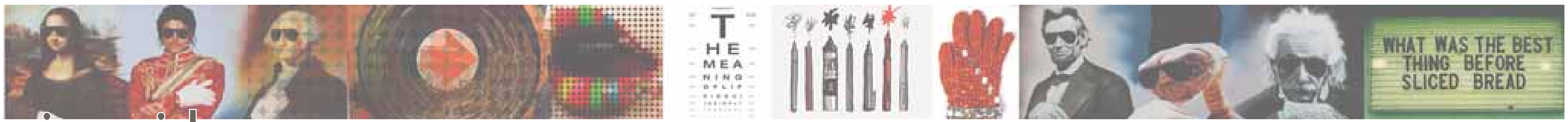
Soap Box



BETTER DEAD THAN RED

Mandy Nolan

Tim Minchin sings: only a ginger can call another ginger: ginger'. He should know. He's a redhead. Those pale skinned flame haired members of our community have suffered a form of unchecked bigotry since their gingery beans first emerged from the womb. Their persecution has gone largely unchecked. They won't even end up with their own SBS documentary. To taunt someone for the colour of their skin is text book racism. To torture someone for the colour of their hair is good TV. The carrot topped amongst us have copped a hiding for as long as I can remember, but I believe it's got worse. Ever since *Summer Heights High* hit our screens school children and adult fans alike have taken to calling our redheaded brothers and sisters: 'Rangas'. Although no one, except makers of palm oil and fans of the Kit Kat would speak disparagingly of the orangutan, to be called a 'Ranga' is no compliment. It doesn't make sense. We don't call people with brown hair 'Rillas' or blondes 'polars.' Ranga is one of those words that sits neatly beside poofta or nigger. My teenage daughter had a hair colouring disaster that left her unexpectedly orange haired. I thought it was quite flattering. She thought it was social suicide and every day begged for a hair appointment, to bring an end the ranga taunts on the bus. And that was just from the driver. If that's what it's like for the fake redheads, then what must life be like when you're dinky di ginger? Those sporting the scarlet skull need their own support groups to combat gingerism. There needs to be legislation to protect this much maligned minority who occupy only 2-3% of the population. Being born with red hair is rare. Throughout history it has been prized, feared and ridiculed. Mary Magdalene was thought to have red hair, as were other scary types like vampires, Anne of Green Gables, Queen Elizabeth I and Nicole Kidman. Redheads are believed to be highly sexed, fiery tempered home wreckers. They are also, statistically the most successful amongst all the hair colours. Then why aren't they held up as heros? Why aren't people raiding the red hair dye from chemist shelves and making themselves a bit of imitation gingerbread? Instead brown and blonde haired, blue and brown eyed, white and brown skinned children unite in the mockery of the freckly ginger kid. You see redheads have less melanin, have whiter skin and are more freckly. It not only makes them an obvious target, it makes it impossible to hide. Does redhaired hatred echo the English distaste for Celts and Scots, the two most predominantly redhaired races? Has it got worse since colour TV? Like any form of bigotry, gingerism is pointless. The other day I saw two exquistely beautiful little girls. They wouldn't have been more than three and five apiece. They had hair as orange as burnt honey. It hung in long silken ringlets down their backs, and in keeping with ginger mythology the small one was throwing a tantrum.
I wondered at what point, this source of incredible beauty would become the source of their shame. How old would they be when acne faced boys with long greasy fringes or bleach blonde girls with long tanned legs would first utter: 'hey ranga'. I am not a redhead. I don't know the pain. All I know is that redheads need their own Martin Luther King, a ginger guru (not Lindsay Lohan) to lead the way. In the Netherlands they actually have a two day festival called Redheadday where naturally redheaded people flock to the streets, celebrating their genetic uniqueness. Unfortunately only about five people ever turn up, the rest have been worn down by social stigma. Rangas of the world unite. Its time to call a stop, brush out the gingervitus and give the redheads a break. Red Power.



gig guide local events and entertainment

THURSDAY 18

- CLUB BANORA 4PM **LIVE MUSIC**
- CUDGEN LEAGUES CLUB, KINGSCLIFF 5.30PM **TREVOR WHITE**
- GOLD COAST ARTS CENTRE 7.30PM UNPLUGGED IN THE BASEMENT - **JAMES GREHAN**
- GOLD COAST ARTS CENTRE 8PM **BURN THE FLOOR (LATIN AND BALLROOM DANCE)**
- SEAGULLS 5.30PM **MICHAEL**
- THE SANDS HOTEL COOLANGATTA 8PM **JAM NIGHT WITH PHIL EIZENBERG**
- TWEED HEADS BOWLS CLUB 5PM VEENIE'S – **CARGO**
- TWIN TOWNS, **LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9PM **POLAROID FAME**
- THE RAILS, BYRON 6.30PM **DAN ENGLAND**
- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON **WAYNE EVANS**
- LA LA LAND, BYRON **DANIEL WEBBER**
- LIQUID, BYRON PLUGGED: **DJ WALLOPALOOZA, MC THUNDERCAT, DJ SLINKY**
- RICE RESTAURANT, BRUNS 6PM **SHADOW SUNDA**
- MULLUM RSL 7PM **JAM NIGHT**

FRIDAY 19

- CUDGEN LEAGUES CLUB, KINGSCLIFF 7.30PM **UNDERPAID**
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB, BOGANGAR 8PM **ANDREW BAXTER**
- CABARITA BEACH BAR AND GRILL, 8PM **FATHOM**
- CLUB BANORA 7.30PM **TONY PANTANO**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL, GOLD COAST 8PM **BRITISH INDIA, THE BLOOD POETS AND THE SUPER VILLIANS**
- CURRUMBIN RSL 7PM **CHI CHI**
- GOLD COAST ARTS CENTRE 8PM COMEDY IN THE BASEMENT - **FRED LANG**
- GOLD COAST ARTS CENTRE 8PM **BURN THE FLOOR (LATIN AND BALLROOM DANCE)**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL, 8.30PM **ZONE MUSIC**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH CLUB 7.30PM **UPSTAGE**
- IMPERIAL HOTEL, MURWILLUMBAH 8PM **MACHINERY DRIVE**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES MEMORIAL CLUB 6.30PM **TREVOR RIX**
- MURWILLUMBAH HOTEL 9PM **DJ**
- POTTSVILLE BEACH SPORTS CLUB 7PM **REAL DEAL**
- SALT BAR, SALT VILLAGE 8.30PM **PRESTON TRAIN**
- SEAGULLS 8PM **BJ LITTLE**
- SOUNDLOUNGE, CURRUMBIN RSL 8PM **AFRO MOSES**
- STOKERS SIDING HALL 7.30PM **TRANSITIONS PHYSICAL THEATRE**
- THE SANDS HOTEL COOLANGATTA 10PM **DJS TOMMY MCCLEMMENTS & LUKE ELECTRIC**
- TWEED HEADS BOWLS CLUB 7.30PM **JUST THE TICKET**
- TWIN TOWNS SERVICES CLUB, 8.30PM **DIVINE DIVAS**
- RETROSPECT GALLERIES, BYRON BAY AT 6PM **THE EXQUISITE BEAST EXHIBITION OPENING**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON **SMART ARTISTS**
- THE RAILS, BYRON 7PM **SUPER MARIO**
- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON **SHIKA MASSIE**
- BUDDHA BAR, BYRON 8PM **BLUE HULAS**
- ORIENT EXPRESS, BYRON 6.30PM **MICK'S SASHIMI BAND**
- BYRON COMMUNITY CENTRE 8PM **AUNG SAN SUU KYI TALK WITH ALAN CLEMENTS**
- BYRON SCOUT HALL 7.30-10PM **'DANCE ON' (ALCOHOL & SMOKE FREE SAFE PLACE)**
- RETROSPECT GALLERIES, BYRON 6PM **THE EXQUISITE BEAST – LAURA SKERLJ EXHIBITION OPENING**
- LA LA LAND, BYRON **MYLES JUNIOR, DANIEL WEBBER AND RYAN RUSHTON**
- LIQUID, BYRON **H2O SAE PARTY: DJ DAVE GRAVEY, DEE DEE, BASIC NOVA**
- COCOMANGAS, BYRON **QUALITY CONTROL + KRISTIN**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7PM **PURPLE STONE**
- COURT HOUSE HOTEL, MULLUM 8PM **CAROLA CHRISTIAN & THE DIRTY FUNK AFFAIR**
- MULLUM DRILL HALL 7.30 PM **WHALE FILMS/INFO NIGHT**

SATURDAY 20

- CLUB BANORA, BANORA POINT 8PM **DEEP CREEK**
- CURRUMBIN RSL 7PM **GEORGE FERGUSON**
- COOLANGATTA AND TWEED HEADS GOLF CLUB, **PAUL ANTHONY**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH CLUB 7.30PM **CHI CHI**
- GOLD COAST ARTS CENTRE 8PM **BURN THE FLOOR (LATIN AND BALLROOM DANCE)**
- GOLD COAST ARTS CENTRE, 7PM JAZZ IN THE BASEMENT - **5TH ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL**
- MIAMI SHARK BAR 7PM **GCMIA INDUSTRY NIGHT**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES MEMORIAL CLUB 6.30PM **MACKA**
- POTTSVILLE BEACH SPORTS CLUB 6.30PM **PAUL MULQUEEN**
- PIGGABEEN HALL, PIGGABEEN/ WEST TWEED, 8PM **BOB DYLAN NIGHT**
- SALT BAR, SALT VILLAGE, 8.30PM **DARREN MARLOW**
- SEAGULLS 7PM **ALEXANDER**
- SEAGULLS 8PM **SEAGULLS ON BROADWAY GOES TO SCOTLAND**
- SOUTH TWEED SPORTS CLUB, 3PM **LIVE JAZZ**
- SOUTH TWEED SPORTS CLUB 7.30PM **JOHNNY O'KEEFE TRIBUTE SHOW**
- STOKERS SIDING HALL 7.30PM **TRANSITIONS PHYSICAL THEATR**E
- THE COOLANGATTA SANDS HOTEL 10PM **DJS TOMMY MCCLEMMENTS & LUKE ELECTRIC**
- TWEED HEADS BOWLS CLUB, 7.30PM **CREEDANCE CLEAR WATER REVIVAL TRIBUTE**
- TWIN TOWNS SERVICES CLUB, 8.30PM **DIVINE DIVAS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9.30PM **BONJAH**
- THE RAILS, BYRON 6.30PM **MR SPEAKER**
- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON **TRIP KICKS**
- LA LA LAND, BYRON **LIVEWIRE**
- LIQUID, BYRON **HOUSE OF NOW: DJS ADAM, FOXXY, CAPTAIN KAINE**
- COCOMANGAS, BYRON **DJ QUALITY CONTROL, GOODWOOD**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7PM **SOUL SHAKERS**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 8PM **DR BAZ**
- COURT HOUSE HOTEL, MULLUM 7.30PM **MINI MARIO**
- MULLUM RSL 8.15PM **DANCE ON**

SUNDAY 21

- CLUB BANORA, 11AM **LIZA BEAMISH**
- CURRUMBIN RSL 1.30PM **JAZZ AFFAIR DUO**
- POTTSVILLE BEACH SPORTS CLUB, 4PM **JAYNE HENRY**
- SALT BAR, SALT VILLAGE, 1PM **BLIND LEMON**
- SEAGULLS CLUB, 2PM **LINE DANCING WITH RUSSELL HINTON**
- SEAGULLS, **JAZZ IN THE SHED CAFÉ** 2PM
- SHEOAK SHACK 1PM **LIVE MUSIC**
- SPHINX ROCK CAFE, MT BURRELL, 1- 5PM **MONA LIZARD**
- THE COOLANGATTA SANDS HOTEL 5PM **MAYHEM**
- TWEED HEADS BOWLS CLUB 12.30PM **DAIL PLATZ**
- TWIN TOWNS SERVICES CLUB 7PM **LIVE MUSIC**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 4.30PM **KINGTIDE** 8PM **DJ GRAVY & NOWAK**
- THE RAILS, BYRON 6PM **ALF**
- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON **ASTRONOMY CLASS**
- BUDDHA BAR, BYRON 7PM **SOULMAN O'GAIA**
- LA LA LAND, BYRON **CHARDY AND CAPTAIN KAINE**
- LITTLE WATEGO'S 6.45AM AND 8AM **ONE SONG PROJECT**
- BYRON BAY STARSEED GARDENS, YAGERS LANE 3.30PM **SOLSTICE WHALE MEDITATION** 7PM **FILM: THE COGNITION FACTOR + WHALE FOOTAGE & TALKS**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 3PM **MASON RACK** 7PM **CHEYNNE MURPHY**
- MULLUMBIMBY RSL 12PM **COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB**
- MULLUM CIVIC HALL 6PM **B-SHARP CLUB**
- OCEAN SHORES TAVERN 1PM **JAM SESSION**
- YUM YUM TREE CAFE, NEW BRIGHTON 11AM **ANDY HOLM**

MONDAY 22

- KINGSCLIFF BEACH CLUB 12PM **MICHAEL WHITMORE**
- TWEED HEADS BOWLS CLUB 4PM **PETER JOHNSON**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON **NRL ON THE BIG SCREEN**
- THE RAILS, BYRON 6.30PM **STACEY PAGE**
- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON **JON J BRADLEY**
- ORIENT EXPRESS, BYRON 6PM **MICK'S SASHIMI BAND, MAMAKAS, JAPANESE KOTO, DJ SI FICTION**
- PEACE POLE, BYRON BAY 8AM **ONE SONG PROJECT**

TUESDAY 23

- MURWILLUMBAH HOTEL, 8PM **OPEN MIC NIGHT**
- SEAGULLS 7PM **MICHEAL KING**
- TWEED HEADS BOWLS CLUB 1PM **BJ LITTLE**
- TWIN TOWNS SERVICES CLUB 11AM **BACK TO THE TIVOLI**
- THE RAILS, BYRON 6.30PM **MIKE SCALA**
- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON **HARRY HEALY**
- BUDDHA BAR, BYRON 7PM **THE HUCKLEBERRY SWEDES**
- BANGALOW HOTEL, 7.30PM **BRACKETS JAM NIGHT**

WEDNESDAY 24

- CLUB BANORA 11AM **CRAIG GILES**
- CURUMBIN RSL 6.30PM **RYAN MURPHY**
- GOLD COAST ARTS CENTRE 8PM **STEVIE WRIGHT - THE GODFATHER OF ROCK**
- GREENMOUNT BEACH CLUB 7PM **DOWNBEAT JAZZ BAND**
- SEAGULLS 1.15PM **DON WHITAKER**
- TWEED HEADS BOWLS CLUB 6PM **DAVO**
- TWIN TOWNS SERVICES CLUB 11AM **BACK TO THE TIVOLI**

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Sports grants up for grabs

The Australian Sports Commission advises that there are still Local Sporting Champions grants available across the country this year.

The grants are available for young sportsmen and women competing in official state or national sporting competitions and are administered by the Australian Sports Commission in association with the Local Members of Parliament. The next deadline for grant applications is Tuesday June 30.

'These grants are designed to provide a helping hand to individuals and teams that are showing commitment and dedication in their sporting pursuits, where the local community feels that a bit of financial assistance would make a difference,' said Judy Flanagan, Australian Sports Commission Director of Community Sport.

The grants aim to help young sports people achieve their sporting goals and are distributed across all 150 federal electorates.

Grants of $500 per individual and $3,000 per team are available to help meet costs such as travel, equipment, uniforms and accommodation. To be eligible to apply, applicants must be between 12-18 years and travelling more than 250km to compete in state or national level sporting competitions.

'In sport, more than many other fields of endeavour, we know that every bit we can do to improve performance can count, and that is what these grants do. I encourage individuals and teams participating in junior competition to contact their local Federal Member or the Australian Sports Commission to make an application. There's nothing to lose and a lot to gain, so why not give it a go?', Judy Flanagan said.

More information about the grants, including application forms and eligibility criteria is available at: www.ausport.gov.au/champions.

Getting the jump on the Murwillumbah Cup



Four year old gelding Edeeal, ready to head out for an early morning workout last week. Gerald Ryan Stables' track work rider, Kiera Calland is helping prepare Edeeal for the Murwillumbah Cup. Photo Jeff 'Tipped Off' Dawson.

With only days to go before the annual Murwillumbah Cup, a surprise upset at the Gold Coast's Bundall racecourse on Saturday, saw last month's Murwillumbah Cup Prelude winner, Bugsytwoshoes, finish among the also-rans in the $12,000 Smartskip Open Handicap.

Bugsytwoshoes went out a short 2-1 favourite, but remained midfield throughout the event and never looked likely to threaten.

A good run to note was former Tasmanian Derby winner, Currigee, who finished second to Bugsytwoshoes in the Murwillumbah Cup Prelude. On this occasion, Currigee turned the tables on his old foe finishing well ahead, and only narrowly missing out on third place after looming large on straightening.

Bugsytwoshoes' connections are keeping tight-lipped about their plans at present. Earlier on, both the Murwillumbah and Grafton cup races had featured in their plans for the four year old gelding's current preparation. As a winner of the Murwillumbah Cup Prelude, Bugsytwoshoes will be an automatic qualifier for the Murwillumbah Cup if he is nominated.

The Tweed River Jockey Club officials are reminding trainers and connections that nominations for Sunday week's Murwillumbah Cup meeting close with Racing NSW at 11.00 am on Tuesday June 23.

The full TAB meeting which boasts total prize money of $116,000 will be conducted over eight events, and is expected to draw a good-sizedcrowd to the the track at Tygalgah.

As well as the $30,000 Casella Wines Murwillumbah Cup (2000m), a number of other prominent feature races will be contested including the $20,000 Murwillumbah Newmarket Handicap (1200m), the $20,000 Tygalgah Cup Rating 73 Handicap (1510m) and the $10,000 Glider Classic for two year olds (1200m).

TIDE TIMES

PHASES OF THE MOON

New Moon	23rd Jun	5.35 am
First Quarter	29th Jun	9.29 pm
Full Moon	7th Jul	7.22 pm
Last Quarter	15th Jul	7.53 pm

FRI 19th	**High**	4.39 am 1.3	**Sunrise**	6.37 am	
		5.15 pm 1.7	**Sunset**	4.56 pm	
	Low	10.33 am 0.5	**Moonrise**	2.24 am	
		11.51 pm 0.5	**Moonset**	1.25 pm	
SAT 20h	**High**	5.40 am 1.3	**Sunrise**	6.38 am	
		6.04 pm 1.8	**Sunset**	4.57 pm	
	Low	11.24 am 0.5	**Moonrise**	3.31 am	
			Moonset	2.11 pm	
SUN 21st	**High**	6.39 am 1.3	**Sunrise**	6.38 am	
		6.54 pm 1.9	**Sunset**	4.57 pm	
	Low	12.48 am 0.4	**Moonrise**	4.40 am	
		12.16 pm 0.5	**Moonset**	3.05 pm	
MON 22nd	**High**	7.36 am 1.3	**Sunrise**	6.38 am	
		7.46 pm 2.0	**Sunset**	4.57 pm	
	Low	1.42 am 0.3	**Moonrise**	5.49 am	
		1.09 pm 0.4	**Moonset**	4.08 pm	
TUE 23rd	**High**	8.31 am 1.4	**Sunrise**	6.38 am	
		8.38 pm 2.1	**Sunset**	4.57 pm	
	Low	2.36 am 0.2	**Moonrise**	6.53 am	
		2.02 pm 0.4	**Moonset**	5.18 pm	
WED 24th	**High**	9.26 am 1.3	**Sunrise**	6.39 am	
		9.31 pm 2.1	**Sunset**	4.58 pm	
	Low	3.29 am 0.2	**Moonrise**	8.40 am	
		2.57 pm 0.4	**Moonset**	7.43 pm	
THU 25th	**High**	10.20 am 1.4	**Sunrise**	6.39 am	
		10.24 pm 2.0	**Sunset**	4.58 pm	
	Low	4.22 am 0.2	**Moonrise**	9.23 am	
		3.53 pm 0.4	**Moonset**	8.51 pm	

Eastern Standard Time. Heights in metres.

Tide times Courtesy of NSW Tide Charts, Manly Hydraulics Laboratory, NSW Dept of Commerce

SPORT RESULTS

BOWLS

Cabarita Men

10/6/09 Winners G Wilson and B Williams, r/up G Morrisey and K Stanley, cons W Rae and N Ambrose.

Winter carnival mixed Winners R and S Hickman, 2nd F and W Fielding, 3rd B and J Kent, 4th J and D Bryant, 5th K Liddington team, Best performed Cabarita team K Ross and F Bosher.

Round winners P Kukums and B Jones, K Lehfeldt and M Comerford, R Fair team.

13/6/09 Social winners D Browning, L Robson and K Ross cons R Woodward, K Clark and R King.

15/6/09 Winners D Hopps and J Ferguson, r/up B Laybutt and A Latif cons M Morgan and J Stewart.

Condong Cane Toads

Sunday June 14: Thirty bowlers enjoyed a great morning of bowls and a bbq after Winners P Carney A Tonel N Smith Def H Carney, D Howard, D Howard, Runner/ups M Willinks, J Green, G Green. Lucky Meat tray Winners M Wilkins, M Wilkinsons, D Stuart, R McBurney, B Atkinson, M Wilkins, Thanks to all who supported our day.

Our next day will be 28th at condong 9-30st followed by BBQ lunch.

Condong Ladies

June 16

Seventeen ladies bowlers enjoyed the day. R.Ross, E.Hunt and J.Blake def M.Stanfield,S.Rushton. and B.Wainwright and H.Fuller def B.Smith,H.Ross. D.Hardie and S.Cook def D.Dawes and M.Sweetnam.

Club Pairs Championships,

M.Hinde, J.Glasby def E.Evly, B. Dunne.

Next week Club pairs games – M.Hinde, J.Glasby to play P.Flack, M.Sweetnam.

June 22 Sugar Triples club teams welcome. 25/6/09 Mixed Pairs. 23/6/09 Social Bowls. Enquires 66722238.

Condong Men

Wednesday June 10, Winners:

S Keen, R Gerds, S Knight, runner/ups M Hinde, M Masula, S Rushton. A very big thank you to all who helped the Condong ladies raise money for the morning tea for Cancer Council . Raffle winners were I Hunt, K Palmer, S Mummery, Kooka, T Lee, C Pawlack, M Knight, T Crossingham, T Kennedy , T morris, R Shoobridge, M Sweetman. A BIG THANK YOU to all of thoes help raise $743-00 for Cancer. Saturday 13th with over 20 of our players away it was great to see 20 of our players turn up for social bowls. B grade pairs played L Muir C Douglas DEF J Miller ,L Edmonds. Coming Events Thursday 25th Mixed pairs Friday 26th Open pairs Saturday 26th Open triples Names on board in club please. On July4th will be the renaming of one of our greens to John Sams green all welcome for a great day of fun.

Cudgen Leagues Ladies

President Ann welcomed Members and Visitors to Club C'Ships and a Social Bowls afternoon of bowling last Thurs 11th. Club C'Ship Singles results as follows – Liz Fleming def Mary Hay; Joy Ashford def Maureen Alcorn; Helen Wylie def Isabel Nipperess; Marion Hull def Pat Pieterse; June Wotherspoon def Sharon Hinks; Ladies Social results – Winners Rnk 12, Liz Fleming and Vickii Needs (Marker) Raffle – Ann Revie. Sun 14th Social Bowls and BBQ results – Winners Rnk 9, Eileen Burke, S Hayes, Dave Taylor. Runners up Rnk 12, Clarice Blake, Tom Grimes, Glen Hinks; Raffle - Jan Daniels. Congratulations to all the winners and to all who came to support this wonderful event, the next Sun and BBQ Day will be on Sun 12th July -09, all welcome.

Coming up – 3rd Round Club C'Ship Singles to be played today at 1pm – Ann Revie V's Helen Wylie (Marker Isabel Nipperess) Margaret Trapnell V's Joy Ashford (Marker Lorraine Sandall) Liz Fleming V's Marion Hull (Marker Pat Pieterse) Thurs Ladies Social 12.30 for 1pm start. Everybody welcome. Sharon and Tom are welcoming everyone to Friday Morning Mixed Mufti Social Bowls commencing on Friday 26th June, 9.15 for 9.30 start, everybody welcome. Sat 20th Ladies Social Bowls, please come and enjoy our company with a friendly game of bowls each Sat afternoon, everybody welcome (Uniform) 1pm start. Mon 22nd 1pm – Social Mixed Triples Mufti Dress All welcome.

Cudgen Leagues Men

Mon Mixed Mufti 8/06/09 Winners M.VanRunt,M.VanRunt,J.Ellen, M.Ellen.

Wed. Mens Mufti 10/06/09 A.Reid, Coog, K.Pritchard, J.Frazer

''B" Grade Triples Champ'ship Final K.Hansen, G.Murphy, L Noble 31 def. B.Murray, F.Smith, P.Tindale 18

Saturday Mens Whites Rink Winners T.King, J.Thom, W.Shardlow, L.Noble. The 3x $120 jackpot was not won on Sat. or Wed.

On Sunday the 6 div. pennants are off to Lismore for the zone playoff.

Last bite at the cherry so all players are expected to be on the practice green at every opportunity. Bus leaves clubhouse at 7 A.M.

Kingscliff Ladies

Patron's Day was a great success with a large contingent of players celebrating with Doris and Laurel in perfect weather.

The winners on the day were:

1st - B. Mirls, J. Mitchell and L. Anderson

2nd - J. Kemp and B. Lane

3rd - S. Akers, M. Sykes and A. Bousie

4th - P. Freeman, A. Carruthers and J. Dalmayer

The results of the Novice Singles saw A. Bousie def M. Johannson, V. White def D. Greenwell and S. Davies def T. Nitscke

In the Major - Minors Match S. Akers / S. Davies def E. Taylor / J. Beaven

The results of matches to be played this week will be reported next week, so good luck to all and Happy Bowling!

Kingscliff Men

President Pete would like to thank all the members and guests who joined him to celebrate President's Day. It was a wonderful day of great bowls and great socialising. Thank you to the Dolphin Ladies for their support with the meal and to the chefs for the delicious food. Thank you also to all the members of staff whose smiling hospitality enhanced the pleasure of the day, especially Jack with the tea lady trolley, who kept the refreshments coming while the bowlers were outside. Thank you also to Laurie Gillespie for being MC on the evening, Congratulations to Terry Abrahams, Greg Barrack, Rick Parlett and Michael Turner on winning both games last Saturday to reach the final of the Champion of Club Champions. In two very strong finishes the team won the last 7 ends of their game to beat Mermaid Beach 21 – 20 and won the last 8 ends of their second game to beat Nathan Rice's Helensvale team 28 – 23. In the B Grade Pairs played last Sunday.

R Lewis, C Lane d K Taylor, N Orme; T Wonka, D Langtry d G Hallett, B Goldstone; K Dawson, D Whittington d B Butler, C Lacey. In the semi finals R Lewis, C Lane v T Wonka, D Langtry; W Blackwood, J Akers v K Dawson, D Whittington. Games to be played on or before 20th June. Nominations for the B Grade Fours are open. Please check the board.

Thursday 11th June: Winners; B Eggins, M Rice, B Raeburn; J Bonnet, G Douglas, S Cupit; J Borthwick, T Wonka, J Formosa: Plate Winners; F McNamara, B Henry, L Murphey; Saturday 13th June: Winners; H Scher, T Wonka, M Grimshaw, B Turner; B Morrow, C Lane, H Azzopardi, J Therbridge; N Orme, K Spurr; Plate Winners; R Heals, B O'Kane, J Quinn, D Langtry: Tuesday 16th June: Winners; A Fawcett, M Matteucci; Runners Up; G Barrack, O Simpson: Plate Winners; P Murphy, G Julius; Don't forget to get your names in for the Men's Prestige Two Bowl Triples on Monday 22nd June. Total prize money of $3 000.00.

Tweed Heads Ladies

Winners on Thursday were B. Le Boeuf, J. Gilroy, S. Hambleton and D. Turner and the team of J. White, D. Matteucci,and R. Davies. Runners up were B. Fox, B. Bimead and J. Kerkow and A. Warman H. Bardsley, J. Green and M. Higgins.

Next Thursday, June 25 is a mixed afternoon, in aid of Tweed Palliative Care, a wonderful organisation.

The Tweed Valley Round Robin

Round robin played at Cabarita bowls club put Cabarita silver 9-112.Twins towns black 9-47, Pottsville red 7-5-45, Brunswick blue 6-5-39, Ocean shores 6-25, Condong teal 6-20, Brunswick aqua 5-4, Cabarita green 4.5-14, Condong gold 4-29, Pottsville Maroon 2.5-61, Burringbar 2-34, Cudgen gray 1-43, Cudgen yellow 0-74, Twins towns white 0-92, . Our next game at Condong bowls club 12-30pm Thursday 18th start see you there.

GOLF

Chinderah Veterans Social

Results for 10/6/09 - Stableford

Winner A grade - Michael Collings - 40 points - new h/cap 6

R/up - Frank Aaron - 38 points (c/back) - new h/cap 18

Winner B grade - Gordon Horner - 43 points - new h/cap 26

R/up - Geoff Mobbs - 40 points - new h/cap 19

Ball rundown to 36 points (c/back)

Hole-in-one 10th hole - Bobby Magee

Hole-in-one 12th hole - Bob O'Callaghan

Next event 18/6/09 - Stroke

Results for 15/6/09 Stableford

Winner A grade - Col Hardy - 38 points (c/back) - new h/cap 6

R/up - Geoff Howell - 38 points (c/back) - new h/cap 11

Winner B grade - Yvonne Hawkey - 39 points - new h/cap 16

R/up - Renee Innes - 38 points (c/back) - new h/cap 16

Winner C grade - Patsy Gordon - 42 points - new h/cap 21

R/up - Cheryl Kuhne - 40 points - new h/cap 29 Ball rundown to 37 points

Next event 22/6/09 - Ambrose

Murwillumbah Golf Club

Sunday 7th June Women's Winner J.Bridges 30 pts Members Winner M.Rosolen 43 pts c.b N/Pin 2nd I.McCormack and G.Chadwick B.R.Down to 36 pts Monday 8th June Veterans Winner A.Fraser 39pts N/Pin 2nd T.Soan 8th A.Fraser 10th R.Green 14th T.Soan B.R.D. to 31pts Wednesday 10th Winner A.Garde K.Dean 37 pts R/Up .J.Moan 36 pts B.Grade G.Connolly 39 pts R/Up P.Dawes 38 pts Veteran L.McCormack N/Pin 2nd M.Zwermer 10th S.Derepas B.R.D.to 33 pts Friday 12th Women R.Austen 40pts Members C.Dean 39 pts N/Pin R.Kulmer Sat 13th May Winners J.Mitchell 46 pts R/Up R.Robinson and J.Shortis 46 pts c.b N/Pins 2nd J.Hunt 8th K.Montgomery 10th R.Souter Hole in One 14th T.Grugan B.R.D 42pts c.b .

NETBALL

Murwillumbah Netball Association

How can you mind if you win or lose in this glorious winter weather? Everyone must have felt the same as 5 teams have nominated to play at the Brunswick Byron Carnival on the June 22. Hope the weather is as good to us as it was last round. The bus will leave the clubhouse at 7.30am and there is still plenty of room for those who want to be nice to the environment and leave their car at home.

Results for Games June 13:

11/12 Division

Hot Shots (P.A = Kelsey Noble) 26 d Super Stars (P.A = Geargia Percy) 10

Bogangar (P.A = not given) 13 d Girl Zone (P.A = not given) 5

Intermediates

Spice Girls (P.A = Kody Vickery) 32 d Get Smart Goal Getters (P.A = Rhianna) 9

Southern Cross Stars (P.A = not given) 34 d Cabba Crew (P.A = not given) 20

The Storm had the bye.

Open

Cougars (P.A = Emma Hickman) 73 d Lady Beetles (P.A = Mel McGregor) 19

Tigers (P.A = Katrina Herrman) 61 d Newbies (P.A = Kylie Rose) 5

Flamin Devils (P.A = Tegan O'Connor) 23 d Waratahs (P.A = Caitlin Rabjones) 21

A reminder to all teams that you must write all your teams complete names on the score sheet as this is used in case of insurance claims and if needed to check a player has in fact played 3 games before the finals.

It is a good idea to have the coaches choose a best and fairest player award for each game, as the players with the most votes at the end of the season receive a trophy. Better to let coaches or scorers to decided the player awards as they can see the whole game and make fair judgements.

Draws for Sat 20th June

11am – Netta

Super Fabs v Crickets,

Bogangar Blue Wrens v Red Backs.

11/12's

Hot Shots v Girl Zone,

Bogangar v Super Stars

Intermediate – Note 11am

The Storm v Spice Girls

1pm

Intermediate

Southern Cross Stars v Get Smart Goal Getters. The Cabba Crew have the bye

Open – NOTE 1pm

Cougars v Waratahs

2.30pm

Open

The Ladybeetles v Tigers

Newbies v Flamin Devils

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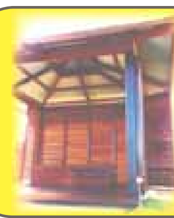
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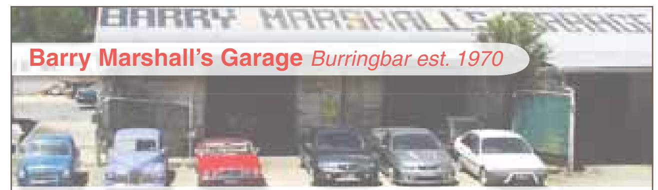
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Garden club

Murwillumbah and District Garden Club's next meeting will be held on Monday, June 22, at 7.30pm in the Jessie McMillan Hall. Guest speaker will be from Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service. Judging for our Spring Garden Competition is on August 24-25 and entry forms will be available from garden centres early August. New members and visitors welcome to come along and enjoy the evening and stay for a cuppa after the meeting. For info call Len Foster on 02 6672 2020.

Ex-servicewomen

The Tweed/Coolangatta and District Ex-Service Women's Association will hold their general meeting on Monday, June 22 at 9.30am in the Stars Room, Twin Towns Services Club. Devonshire morning tea to follow the meeting. Members are advised of the luncheon to be held at the TAFE Kingscliff on Wednesday, June 24, at11.45am for noon.

View club

Murwillumbah Day View Club's next meeting is June 22. This month's winter appeal and stationery items to be collected: Zone N.J. Gala Day July 31, names and money $27. Also Lennox Head's birthday luncheon August 3 to be paid. $25. Apologies Friday evening 6pm Shirley 6679 1324 or Mary 6672 1840.

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Garden club

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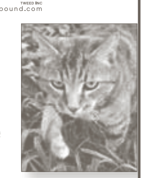
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A benefit day in memory of well-known Casuarina resident Dan Black, who died recently, will be held this Sunday, June 21, at Cudgen Leagues Club and all locals and friends are welcome. Events begin at 3pm with a family afternoon on the oval, with dance performances and a live band, face painting and a barbecue from 6pm. The upstairs function room is open to all ages with live music and international dj from 6pm-10pm. $6 entry per adult, a donation for children from 3pm. For info call Angie on 6674 4184.

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A resident sent a letter to state development minister Ian McDonald last week asking what he was going to do to stop traffic speeding through Hastings Point after an RTA survey recently showed the average speed was 61.5kph in a 50kph zone. Minister was asked what measures he was putting in place to ensure public safety and noise prevention and that it was important to deal with the issue prior to any rally, which would exacerbate the problem. Apparently the minister's office assumed the letter was about the rally and sent it straight on to rally organisers without the letter writer's permission, or even answering the question. Needless to say, the resident was not amused about her personal details being given to rally organisers.

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Backburner hears the Hastings Point estuary is suffering yet again. Fish kills which appear to be from acid water have been noticed since the recent rains and locals are warned not to eat fish caught there. Locals say pollution in Cudgen Creek is increasing with the finger pointed at earthmoving from surrounding large-scale development including the Seabreeze housing estate, which is being linked up by road to the Koala Beach subdivision.



Singing teacher and choir conductor Wendy Grace and her choir entertained Uki market-goers last weekend in the historic village hall to celebrate World Environment Day. *Echo* reader Anita Morton said the whole hall joined in singing Judith Durham's new lyrics to *Advance Australia Fair,* 'which were a huge improvement on the old ones, no girting whatsoever'. The community event is part of a semi-regular series hosted by the Saturday market, with the next one to be held in honour of the International Day of Peace in September. Photo by Alan Wain

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In our front-page report last week we incorrectly said the developer of a proposed commercial/residential development in the heart of Cabarita was a Western Australian based company. In fact W A Stockwell is a Queensland-based company, but the initials tripped up our writer.

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Award-winning British actor John Hurt, starring in the film *Lou* being produced on the Tweed, was given a taste of our topsy-turvy subtropical weather late last month, not long after arriving from England. At first, the actor was treated to glorious north coast sunshine and couldn't believe how beautiful it was in the Tweed in winter. Then the big storm blew up and it rained just about every day for two weeks. The power went out at the rented house in Cudgen where the production crew was based so they had no lights, phones or emails and were forced to sit in candlelight while the storm raged outside.

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At one time the Fingal Head street in which the actor was staying was being evacuated by the SES but his minders managed to get him out of Fingal just before the evacuation and found him alternative accommodation in Kingscliff. The legendary actor, who by all accounts is an easy going bloke, thought it was all 'a great adventure' but the producer found it merely trying as they had to change from an outdoor shooting mode to indoors, but couldn't get to the indoor location because of the floods! A fairly auspicious start to the film, we must say.

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It's a small world. Byrrill Creek resident John Morrison, concerned about the impact of the controversial world rally, which is set to be run through almost 12 kilometres of his local road, asked a rally official a few questions during a public consultation session in Murwillumbah last Friday when the young official asked him if he had a son called Jai. 'Yep', said John. The official, a graduate in sports management, said he went to uni with his son and knew him quite well. Needless to say, there was an instant thaw in the relations between pro and anti-rally forces.

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Developer Peter van Lieshout could be in line for Australian of the Year, if Uki resident Klaus Fuhrmann gets his way. Speaking at the council's community access session on Tuesday night, he urged Mr van Lieshout through his wife, mayor Joan, to hand over his 3,000-acre Nightcap Village site to its original Aboriginal custodians. Fuhrmann claims he gave his own five acres back to the Aboriginal community and that if Mr van Lieshout did the same he would be made Australian of the Year. About 500 times over, we reckon.

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Tweed Shire Council will get a customer-friendly makeover within three years as part of plans to upgrade its services. Foyers at Murwillumbah and Tweed offices will be updated as well as phone systems and job flows. Cr Katie Milne wasn't too thrilled at the proposal, claiming she has never experienced bad customer service at the council – apart from the time she was 'barred'.





